

A FEMALE JUDGE.—In the present day, when so much is said about women's rights, it will delight many to know that, although the judicial bench is now monopolized by the sterner sex, we believe at least once in the history of England a woman has acted as judge. This was in the reign of King Henry VIII., and the woman to whom the unique honour fell was the Lady Anne Berkeley, of Yate, in Gloucestershire. She had appealed to the king to punish a party of rioters who had broken into her park, killed the deer, and fired the hayricks, and His Majesty granted to her and others a special commission to try the offenders, armed with which she opened a commission, empaneled the jury, heard the charge, and, on a verdict of 'Guilty' being returned, pronounced sentence.

A GOOD OBJECTION.—The shorthand reporter in the case vouches for the accuracy of the following story, says a Rochester (U.S.) paper: 'At a term of the Circuit Court, held not long since in one of the up-river counties, a horse case was on trial, and a well known horseman was called as a witness. Counsel: Well, sir, you saw this horse?' Witness: "Yes, sir, I——" Counsel: "What did you do?" Witness: "I jest opened his mouth to find out his age, and I sez to him, sez I, 'Old feller, I guess you're purty good yet.'" Opposing counsel: "Stop! Your honour, I object to any conversation carried on between this witness and the horse when the plaintiff was not present." The objection was sustained.

WIT AND WISDOM.—Chief Baron Pollock said: "If every man were to take advantage of every tempting occasion 'to have the law' of his neighbour, life would not be long enough for the litigations which would result, for all flesh and blood would be turned into plaintiffs and defendants."—*Green Bag*.

LIQUOR LAWS AS THEY ARE INTERPRETED IN NEW YORK.—Police Justice Cornell, sitting at the Jefferson Market Police Court, New York, decided recently that it was illegal for any private person to have a guest to dinner on Sundays with wine on the table. Any such person, he further held, was liable to be arrested and punished under a section of the excise law forbidding the giving away or selling of liquor on that day.

MR. JUSTICE JEUNE ON CODES.—"I confess that a code always seems to me like a travelling medicine-case, very neat and portable, but hardly adequate to cope with all the complex ills of humanity," writes Sir Francis Jeune in a recent article.