

**INSTRUCTION TO LAND BUYERS.**—Lines over 300 years old, copied from the roll in the Manor Court office, Wakefield, England.

First see the land which thou intend'st to buy  
 Within the seller's title clearly lye,  
 And that no woman to it doth lay claime  
 By dowry, joynture, or some other name  
 That may incumber. Know if bond or fee  
 The tenure stand, and that from each feoffee  
 It be released, that th' seller be soe old  
 That he may lawful sell, thou lawful hold.  
 Have special care that it not mortgag'd lye,  
 Nor be entailed upon posterity.  
 Then if it stand in statute bound or noe,  
 Be well advised what quitt rent out must goe,  
 What custome service hath been done of old  
 By those who formerly the same did hold.  
 And if a wedded woman put to sale  
 Deal not with her unless she bring her male,  
 For she doth under covert barren goe,  
 Although sometimes some traffique soe (we know).  
 Thy bargain made and all this done,  
 Have special care to make thy charter run  
 To thee, thy heirs, executors, assigns,  
 For that beyond thy life securely binds.  
 These things foreknown and done, you may prevent  
 Those things rash buyers many times repent;  
 And yet when you have done all you can,  
 If youle be sure, deal with an honest man.

**SENDING MARKED COPIES TO A JUDGE.**—In a recent political case heard before a Harrisburg (Pa.) court, the judges took occasion to most severely arraign certain newspapers for criticising the action of the court in preliminary proceedings. The court claimed that the papers in question attempted to influence its action in the case by mailing to the judges marked copies of their newspapers, and that such an act was equivalent to that of a person seeking to influence the decision of a judge by solicitation or threats. The court says that the only difference is that the papers have not the courage a man would show in coming in person to a judge, for in that case a judge could spurn him from his presence, but, in that of the papers, "we can only express our indignation and contempt both for the matter and the manner of their violation of the principles which should govern decent and honest journalism."