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Lord Halsbury entered on his 78th year on the 3rd ult. It is seventeen years since he became Lord Chancellor. It is said that he is as alert and erect as ever, with apparently no idea of taking a rest, which after half a century of hard work might seem to be a reasonable proposition. It was thought that he would have retired with his old friend and confidant Lord Salisbury, but he seems good for several years work yet.

A burglar was recently identified by means of the impression of his thumb on wet paint, of which a photograph was taken on June 27, immediately after the burglary was discovered, though he was not actually caught until August 14 following, when he was found attempting to commit another burglary. Enterprising detectives will, no doubt, take note of this, and remember to look out for finger impressions.

A writer in the *Central Law Journal* in a recent number contributes an interesting article as to the extent, and in what cases, damages may be recovered for mental suffering. There have been several cases reported lately on this subject, and the trend of the decisions incline to the view that the law affords no redress for mental suffering as a basis for an independent action. Those interested will find this article at page 202 of the current volume of that excellent periodical. The *Bombay Law Reporter* also recently discussed the same subject.

Dispensaries for the purpose of giving medical advice gratis are common, but we believe it is an entirely new departure which the city of Edinburgh has taken in establishing a dispensary for the purpose of enabling poor people to obtain good legal advice free of charge. This dispensary is open for two hours one night a week, and is carried on by men of standing in the legal profession,