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## of suoh a law will convinoe sill of fis puamount importance. The old law forbide any one being examined on the stand as a

Witneess in any oivil suit, it he was in any way,
either direoty or remptely, interested in its
deoisions. It forbade even those who did not deotision. It forbade even those who did not
sppoar on the reoord, but had an equitable
intereat in the result, to have any quastion
put to them. But the neoessities of numerous put to them. But the nooessities of qumemorous
oases, and the evident absurdity of shatting off
from the jury the fants whioh might be known only to those exoluded, led to
a modifiontion, and it is now muoh more re-
atrioted even in Pennaylvania. Any slacking of the law soon showed the mistaken nature
of the former rale. It was found by exprienoe that it was safer and more reasonable to
leane all the fants to the jury, after having
them lald before them, and let them jadge of the value to be attacohed to any partloular part
of the ovidence, than it was to keep from
them the statements of those interested. In other words, let all testify, and let the jury
judge of their oredibility, The cousequence
was the passage of an act of Parliamment in
Great Britain, oancelling all inelig ibility to teastify from these grounds, and admitting
both plasintif and defendant to the witnoss
stand. Massechusetts, New York, Ohio, and
 and in all the United States Courts, the evi-
denoo of both plainitif and difendant if ad-
mitted. Penseglvania, however, has held out In opposition, and adheres to the old rule
True it is that a son con testify for a father,
a brother for a brother, and a dear friend a brother for a brother, and a dear friend
for his friend. The orediblity of suoch is left
to the jury, but a partner cannot testify for a partner. Is it not reasonable to supppose that
the infunence of paternal affototion is as strong
s tendency to blas a witness as any peonniary
onaideration ! If the witness is presumed to s hendency to bias a witness as any peoniary
oonideration? If the wittess is presumed $t$ t
be io far prejudiocd in one ease as to be ox oluded, why should he bs admitted in the
other The truth is that the jary can generally judge pretty oorreotly as to the value to
be attaohed to a witnees, and they osan do
much
more olearly than any rule of evidenoe oan. The surest way to seoare justioe is to
allow all the light possible in the case in dis.
pute, to let both parties tell their own atory, pute, to let both parties tell their own story,
to lot the jury see the motive and the
faots whioh led to the transaotion, and
 In a man being admissible as a witness on one
side of Fifth street, and ineligible on the other
and side. OVer the Poot Oflioe all can testify;
over in the Suate House the same man is ex-
隹 oluded. We think it it mbe for the Legisilatare
to do awny with this absurd disorimination. to do awny with this absurd disorimination.
Let us not oontinne behind all the other Com-
mon monwrealths in what is a reasonable advance
ment in the right direotion. To do so is to
subjeot ourselvee to the charge of fosilism, subjeot ourselvee to the charge of fosilism,
Fhioh is too appropriate. A large number of
the Bar and of the Benoh, as well as an almost unanimous sentiment on the part of the mer
eantile world, oall for suoh an advanoe, and We hope that the bill now pending somewher
at Harribburg will apeedily beoome part o the law of Pennsylvania.

An the House of Reprosentatives on Saturday on a motion to concar in the Senate amendment to the Appropristion bill, by
Whioh nearly four militions of dollars would Whioh noashy the exponditures of the next fiscol your, and from aeven to twelve millions
of dollars annally for the next twenty year Ior the purpose of complying with the stipuhas reoently negotiated treatiee with the
various tribes of Indiane. Mr. Soofeld de lared that the amendmenta "Involved the
deepest villainy." Mr. Garield contende hat the whole polliey apon which these treas
and Leen were would vote a dollar that was to be ex pended through the Aithy ohanneets of the "he ehould like to aee Mr. Mix, the Chier igh horse, under the lead of the gentloma
romm Minaesota (Mr. Widdom), with lasso in hind, ohasing the fourtenn-year old Indian bucks to put breeches on them. What lis head before he got his breeches on!"' These arrositic oomments on the praotioa the ine of the defonders of the Indian Baroan,
and Mr. Windom suggested that "When they and Mr. Windom suggesied that when the


 the market prioe of any other oommodity, and
to deolde what the farmer fhenlid ohargot or
bin butter or the merohanat for hia dry goods. hin butter or the meroluant for hia dry goods.
Thoneards of business men and oorporations
are obliged to pay more than ald are obliged to pay more than alx par oont,
interest, and It in fmpolitio, as well as unjast,
to keep a law npon
 A singular Amatr.
On Thuraday the Jory in the oise of Smuel
Holt, eharged with the marder of Bd ward
${ }^{1}$ orease of the boantios whith have earionet
the favorites of the Indian Barean, ant the the
Senate proposition provails the Amerioan She favoriles of ition provails the Ameriosn
Senate proposito
people will probs bly be oompeelled to foot a
bill, during the next twenty yeara, amounting bill, during the next twenty years, amounting
to the aggregate to several handred millions
of dollara.



 Drug Inspector. The Jadiolary Committoo,
however, being tired of bilts oreating inspeo
torships of nearly every thing, deolined toconsider it, and the bill Was in a fair way to be
killed, but for the urgent requas of Mr.
Rogers, who undertook to prepare a substi-
tute whioh would be aoceptable to the com-
mittee. A new bill mittee. A new bill was acoordingly dratted
after further consultation with the Medital
Society, and was reported to the House by
Mr. Rogers. The bill provides that it ahall
be a midemeanor, with a peasalty not exoeeding one thousand dollars and the oosts of
prosectitin, for any one to adulterate drags
or medicines, or to sell or or medicinee, or to sell or use them in t
manafature of medioinal preparations.
obviate the neeessity for an Inspeotor
Druge it Druge, it is provided that any residentt physi-
cian, being a graduate of mediefine and pharmacy, may complain under osth or afirmas-
tion, before any alderman or justioe of the
peace, that there are reasonable grounds for
beliet that impure drugs are being sold, and on such comp piant a searoh warrant shaili issun,
and in oase of conviotion the impure, inert, or
adnalterated drugs or medicinal preparatione A further delay was caused by the refer-
ence of the bill to the committee again at the
request of the Drag Exchange for farthor
amendment, prohibiting any but graduates of amendment, prohibiting any bui graduales o,
phamach from elling or mixigg drags. We
are happy to think that Mr. Rogers is exertare happy to think that Mr. Rogers is exart
ing himself for the pablio good at Harrisbarg
in this partioular matter, and we willingly give him all due credit for his effiorts in in behalf
of a sitable Drag bil. It is a fitte singular,
however, that, while the Legislature appeara to have no heesitation about oreating inspee-
torehips of ""early everrything," that there
should be a difioalty about a matter of this
kind, the neeesity of whioh is every where
 from censure. A bill almost identioal with
the one introdnoed in the Honse was silled in the Senate, and tt is very doubtfal whether
the one mabmitted by Mr. Rogers will pass.
The Legilature has too many "jobs" on hand to give much time and attention to master
this kind, that "have nothing in them." the members of the Legisiature had felt
alightest interest in the enaetment Alightest interest in the enaotment of a law
for securing the pablio against the injurious
effeets of adulterated drugs, a satisfaotory efieets of aduiterated drugg, a astitistaotory
measeure conld have been perteoted and
pased through both housee long ago. Mr.
Rogers is one of the yongeat memere Rogers in one of the youngest members of the
Honse of Representatives, he has his repu-
tation yet to make, and we hope that he mill push this matter to the utmost; and if he osn
secure the pasage of his bill he will be en-
titled to the titled to the thanks of the community. The
additional eection prohbititing any but graduadditional seetion prohibiting any but gradu-
ates of pharmaoy from selling or mixing
druga is a good one, and ought to receive the favorable consideration of the Legisisature. Kassas, on whose aoil the opening battles of
the great conflet tetween alavery and freedom
were tought bas been the were fought, has been the first to ratify the
propoed amendment to the Federal Constitu-
tion prohbiting ant State proposed amendment to the Federal Constitu-
tion prohibiting any State from denying or
abridging the right to vote by resson of race abridging the right to vote by renson of race
or color. TTe vote in the upper hoose of the
State Legielature was uuanimons, and it was almost soin the lower honse, as wall. Thare
is a peenliar appropristeness in this. The
in Border Ruffians of Missouri did what they
 the amendment whtch puta the finishing
touches on the tombstone of the "peculiar inTuz $A g e$ has a correepondent at Washlog.
ton of an exceedingly nervous disposition. On
saturday the anfortunate man ens and Saturday the anfortnanate man was thrown
into a perfeot paroxyam by Hitening to the apeech of the ebony-hned Menard on the floo,
of the Ho Hose of Representatives. "The scene," aaya the Age man, "was digguating in the extreme, and oughe to consign those who
brought titabunt to etrmal disgrae and in
famy." We fear the poor fellow will be still more digguated before he dies, unless he emigrates.
Tas Lowre Buaxcr of the State Legislature acontly had under consideration a bill legal
izing ppecial contracts for interest at various atee above six per cent. $\Delta$ measure of thit
ind should andoubtediy be adopted. No hoot is better known than that the value o money is constantly fluotuating, and it is an
abaurd to persitat in maintaning the fotion as it would be to attempt to regulato by law



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