

Editorials
Opinions of Great Papers on Important Subjects.

EXPERT WITNESSES.

BOTH in civil and criminal trials there are frequently circumstances in which the testimony of experts is highly desirable. To determine the equities in a civil suit special knowledge is often necessary, and to determine the degree of responsibility in a criminal case the same is true.

When an expert takes the stand the first question put to him should come from the judge, and it should be in this form: "Have you accepted, or agreed to accept, any fee from the prosecution or from the defense?"

TO MAKE TAXES POPULAR.

TAXES are paid more reluctantly than any other indebtedness. One of the reasons for the reluctance lies in the belief, which prevails widely, that other men are not paying their fair share of the cost of government.

New York has lately had the benefit of the suggestions of a special commission appointed to recommend an improvement in its system. In that State all the expenses of the State government are paid by special taxes levied on corporations, on liquor selling, on stock transfers and on inheritances, so that there is no levy upon the general taxpayers for State purposes.

The commission has recommended that the personal property tax be abolished, and that a real estate tax and a tax on the rental value of the house a man occupies be practically the only taxes the citizen has to pay.

Attention is called to this report, because it is a valuable contribution to the discussion of the taxation question.

tion, and is an attempt to make taxes popular by removing some of the inequalities of old systems.

The report is important, too, because it recommends co-operation among the States to secure uniform tax laws and to protect those sources of revenue which belong to the State from the encroachment of the national taxing power.

Of course the only way to reduce the burden of taxation is to reduce expenditures by economies and purify its administration. It is not excessive taxation of which the people complain so much as an inequitable distribution of the burden.—Youth's Companion.

DOWN WITH THE BROOM!

HE broom threatens soon to be as obsolete as the old copper warming pan, judging from the number of vacuum dust removers which are being placed upon the market. The change is one which must meet with the unqualified approval of all who know that a breeding ground of disease is the common dust of our houses.

Bacteriological science can easily demonstrate the existence of disease germs in common household dust, and there is evidence of an eminently practical character that dust is otherwise a source of disease; there could hardly be a more effectual means of spreading the infective and irritating particles than the old-fashioned broom.—London Lancet.

OYSTERS AND TYPHOID.

INVESTIGATION has shown that oysters eaten raw frequently cause typhoid. Not the thin, grayish oysters, fresh from the briny deep, but those which, in consequence of the consumer's demand that the bivalves be good to his sight as well as to his palates, are subjected to a bleaching process which makes them plump as well.

To secure this appearance the salt water product is placed in fresh water, frequently in fresh water streams. This bleaches them, and owing to the fact that nowadays few fresh water streams are pure, that the oyster absorbs so much water that it swells and plumps, and that its digestive functions are retarded by the unnatural conditions, any bacilli in the water absorbed rapidly multiply, thus infecting the oyster.

This infected food, often shipped long distances, becomes a menace to health of whole communities. This practice of bleaching and fattening the oyster certainly should be discouraged by epicureans and consumers in general.—What to Eat.

SKATING IN FRIELAND.

Ideal Conditions for Enjoyment of This Outdoor Sport in Holland.

The lovers of skating in New York would be rejoiced, indeed, if they could make one of the skating tours now so popular on the canals of Holland, says the New York Tribune. Friesland, the northern province, especially, is described as the true paradise of the skater. Its canals, threading the country in every direction, are, in the winter months, converted into miles upon miles of levelled highways, stretching out in almost every direction as far as the eye can see.

It is only natural that where there are such tempting stretches of ice the natives should be expert skaters, and this is true of the Frisians. The ordinary skater in this country, though he may have his own special footwear for the enjoyment of the sport, always sees to it that the shoes used are good, stout ones.

Not so in Friesland. The expert skater there takes off his shoes and skates in his stocking feet, the only addition to his footwear being another pair of socks. The big wooden soles ordinarily worn by the Frisian are usually carried under the arm when he is enjoying his skating.

So much do the Frisians think of their levelled highways that the authorities in each city and village, many clubs and individuals unite in their efforts to keep them in first-class condition and free from snow in the winter months.

One of the best mediums for the transportation of the small kits one taking a skating trip in Friesland needs is the rigidly but stoutly constructed Frisian sled, which can be hired at small outlay. The other expenses can be made equally small. The food served at the little inns along the canals is clean and wholesome, and the prices for meals are reasonable. Then, to add to the pleasure of such a trip, at important crossing points there are refreshment tents where an invigorating drink of hot speed can be had.

Nearly all of the winter sports of Europe belong to Friesland, and it is not surprising that the majority of the best skaters in the world are to be found in that province. A single unfavorable article is suppressed, and the fact and the article usually come to the knowledge of their majesties. Once the faithful secretary of one European emperor took it upon himself to save his royal patron the embarrassment and discomfort that were sure to follow the reading of a certain newspaper "roast." But that very morning the emperor had decided to put his newspaper secretary to a test, and he ordered copies of every paper that was sold in his country. What was his surprise to see himself liberally caricatured and featured with anything but flattering comment. The result was that the secretary received a sound whipping, and ever after that he was scrupulous about inserting in the leather journal all articles about the emperor.

"There are many good voices," Mme. Calve said, "that the world will never hear because their owners are too indolent to develop them."

"It is like the story of the farmer. "Looking up from his magazine the farmer said vehemently to his wife one night:

"Do you know what I'd have done if I had been Napoleon?"

"Yes," she answered. "You'd have settled down in Corsica and spent your life grumbling about bad luck and hard times."—Kansas City Journal.

Men have a good deal to say about women telling secrets, but mighty few men ever get in on a real ground-floor, and refrain from telling their particular friends "on the quiet."

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Under the close scrutiny of his wife and sister, Mr. Hanson sat unhappily in his chair, drawn up to the cheerful blaze to be sure, but between the chairs occupied by the feminine members of his household.

"Well, now, what difference does it make whether Letty's husband is well-favored or not?" he demanded, irritably.

"I've told ye there weren't any of those folks in that little town of theirs much to look at. Why ain't that enough for ye? He's a mighty good fellow, Ed Norton is. Everybody'll tell ye he's got the best disposition that ever was, and he's smart, too."

Mrs. Hanson leaned forward and twitched her husband's coat by its sleeve. "Is it true he's the homeliest man in all that part of the country?" she demanded. "If looks don't make any difference to you, why don't you speak up and tell the truth?"

bank, so I am eligible, and I want to marry very much." "Well, go away, and if you come back this day year in the same mind, you shall marry. I'll keep the vacancy." On the anniversary the soldier repeated his request. "But do you really, after a year, want to marry?" "Yes, sir; very much."

NEWSPAPERS FOR ROYALTY.

How Rulers of the World Keep Informed of Events. Most presidents and kings and rulers of countries are far too busy to look over the columns of all the daily papers that are published in their respective lands, says the New York Herald.

At the same time, those who are responsible for the welfare of their subjects and their citizens must keep informed on all topics of national and international interest. In order that they may do this with the least possible effort and waste of time it occurred to the Emperor of Austria to arrange, or have arranged for him, a morning journal of clippings which would present all the important features of the day so that his time would not be taken up with glancing over extraneous matter.

The journal that his majesty perused while partaking of his coffee and rolls was a neat little leather affair that served as a binding, and into this his secretary slipped the columns of printed matter which was to furnish the emperor's mental food for the day. If the articles were too long then it was the duty of the secretary to condense them and present them to his majesty in neatly typewritten sheets.