mean time why shouldn’t she be allowed to practise law if she wants to? My wife has studied hard, prepared herself for the bar, and is fully competent to stand the legal examination required of men; and I see no reason convincing to me why she should not practise. She has studied at my request, and anything I can do to secure her admission to the bar will be done.”

Who would not be willing to stand up in a horse-car when this new nineteenth-century gallantry is given us in exchange for the old superficial kind!

Mrs. Kilgore, of Philadelphia, has been admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court since the date of my article, making the fourth woman to receive this honor.

Miss Alice Parker, of Lowell, recently of the San Francisco Bar, has been admitted to the bar of Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and I had the pleasure of making the motion for her admission. She is the third woman to be admitted in Massachusetts, and the first in Middlesex.

In the face of all the facts concerning women lawyers in this country, what do you suppose, dear “Green Bag,” that I read in my last letter just received from Mlle. Marie Popelin, Docteur en droit, of Brussels, who having been finally refused admission to the order of advocates by the Supreme Court on appeal from the decision of the lower court, is now working to gain recognition through the legislature? Madeleine Popelin says that a friend of hers, wife of an eminent member of the Chamber of Representatives, and herself much interested in “la cause de la femme,” while traveling last fall in Italy and Greece, met an American lady who said to her: “Mais il n’y a pas de femmes avocats aux États-Unis. Ce que vous me dites est inexact, puisque, moi, Américaine, je n’en ai jamais entendu parler de femme avocate.”

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And now, back to the present:

To the Bag:

Arthur Austin is a shy, retiring sort, and he wouldn’t write you himself. But I can tell he’s bothered that his name hasn’t yet appeared in Brian Leiter’s academic gossip column in the Bag.

What more does a guy have to do to get noticed by the top schools (and therefore by Professor Leiter)? Austin has published several pieces in the Bag – peculiar articles to be sure, but ones that survived your rigorous review process. Austin is also the founder of the Cleveland School of Legal Scholarship, something that’s been noted in a headline or two in the Bag (and that’s caused quite a stir in the eastern suburbs of Cuyahoga County). Why haven’t the folks in Cambridge, New Haven, and Hyde Park picked up the phone? At least Austin should have attracted an inquiry from Vanderbilt and Northwestern, schools that seem to be turning over their faculties every couple of years.

Something’s very wrong. Will every legal academic who reads this letter please call and ask Austin (who’ll answer to Arthur or Art), with a telephonic cc to Brian Leiter, whether he might be interested in a move? He’d feel much better, and you wouldn’t actually have to offer him anything. Thank you very much.

Oh, by the way, Leiter hasn’t mentioned me either, but that’s probably because I’m not interested in the phony prestige and high salaries of the top ten.

Very truly yours,

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