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JUDGES. No. 62.

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LORD JUSTICE RIGBY.
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BORN seven-and-sixty years ago, he began life at Liverpool College; whence he went to Cambridge, and did some of that exact mathematical work which argues absence of imagination: becoming Second Wrangler and Smith's Prizeman, and a Fellow. So he went to the Bar, and in due course was called within it and mastered his business, and was made a Bencher. He worked for the Treasury, and became a Member of Parliament, and a Solicitor-General and an Attorney-General; for his only vice (besides a dirty pipe and a certain eloquence of diction) was his vain Radicalism: which was only partly compensated for by the friendship of the late Mr. Gladstone; who believed in him. Accordingly, he was elevated to the Bench of the Court of Appeal seven years ago, after much rivalry between the polite Sir Horace Davey and the unpolished Sir John Rigby. He is known for his solid honesty, his robust manner, and his high idea of his Office; and if he have not turned out to be quite so great a Judge as was anticipated, that may be due to the fact that his health is not quite so good as it was when he took the floor in the House of Commons. Being strong in his own sense of independence, he cares for nobody, and though his temper is gusty he has a host of friends. Like many other eminent Chancery men, he has not very much history; yet he is a sturdy, honest fellow, who believes in himself.

In summer he patronises the penny steamer; and he has been known to ride a horse eloquently.