The days when legal writing could safely be confined to purely hypothetical discussion have long gone by. Lengthy dissertations on such abstruse topics as the nature of possession\(^1\) or the theory of the old real actions\(^3\) are as obsolete as the escheat of corporation personality on corporate dissolution.\(^8\) Today, periodical literature deals rather with questions of the living law, — even though these do often seem as far-fetched as law school examination questions.\(^4\)

\(^1\)E. g., SAVIGNY, *Das Recht des Besitzes* (7th ed. by Rudorff 1865); HOLMES, *The Common Law* (1881) Lecture VI.
\(^2\)3 BL. COMM. c. X.