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TV Eye

They did. (*See end of last Eyewash*)

HP Sauce

The note ‘exposing’ John Bercow, as likely to leave the Tories for Labour if he thinks it in his interest after the next election, failed to say that he is one of the biggest fools in Parliament and that if he does change sides the Tories’ loss will be the Tories’ gain. The *Eyehack* thought not only that Bercow had become “increasingly circumspect and moderate-sounding” but that this was an improvement. It meant he had “come a long way” from the days when he used to “rant” like a “mad Young Tory” (the last phrase a synonym for ‘right-wing extremist’, presumably). But as Bercow is the last man alive still talking like Lord Decimus Tite Barnacle, all this means is that he is now a moderate-sounding behaving machine instead of an immoderate-sounding one. Is that better, or worse?

Somewhere else in this issue

... the expression “raised concerns” was used, and not satirically either. (*Is that everything?* Ed.).