

thousands of pounds. The same canvas might have been brilliantly covered for as many thousand pence. Thus the remedy for this evil was ready at hand. If men were not content with this advice, he would say, 'Don't go to law.' At the same time he was desirous that every needless step in litigation should be abolished. It was in that direction that the judges were working. In late years expedition had been achieved to a very large extent. He remembered in his early days when one had to wait a year for a trial in Middlesex, and two or three years for an appeal to the House of Lords. Now they were hearing appeals in the House of Lords which were set down only two or three months ago; and there were no arrears in the Privy Council or the Court of Appeal, which was hearing appeals from decisions pronounced only three or four weeks ago. The solicitor-general added that he was firmly convinced, whatever was done to simplify the law, that it would never be a cheap luxury for the litigant. It would always be expounded at the expense of litigants for the benefit of those who were not litigants. A good deal of English litigation was due, not to a love of justice, but to the sporting instincts of the people, who loved to fight their battles out rather than adjust their differences.

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Mr. F. K. Munton, in a lecture delivered in London, on "bogus concerns," commenced by explaining what he meant by the term. Although the word "bogus" might sound unparliamentary, a little research had satisfied him that it was not inappropriate, as he found the origin of the term to be as follows:—Early in the present century a person named Borghese was convicted in America of a series of robberies founded on the issue of bills of exchange either in counterfeit names, or payable at imaginary banks, and the extraordinary success which attended these frauds before their exposure gave rise to the popular description of any counterfeit transaction as a "Borghese" one, the word being corrupted by easy transition to "borgus," and ultimately into "bogus."