

has undertaken an unsuccessful action for an impecunious client is not, and ought not to be, a reason for mulcting him in the other party's costs; but before beginning the action he may be obliged to satisfy himself by all reasonable inquiries of the worth of his client's case, and, for having neglected to do so, the solicitor in this particular litigation was refused his costs of successfully opposing the application.—*Law Journal*.

PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE DETECTION OF CRIME.—The *Tagliche Rundschau* mentions a practical use of photography in the detection of crime that is novel and ingenious. The murder of a woman was traced to one of two men—her husband and a neighbour. Each had hairs upon his clothes. Dr. Jeserich, "the inventor of criminal photography," photographed the clothes of the suspected men, and the camera disclosed the fact that the hairs on the husband's clothes were from his wife's head, while the other prisoner had hairs from his own head on his clothing. The same scientist has shown that the differences in inks used in writing and in altering a document can be shown clearly in a photograph of the document. Even on surfaces from which, to the eye, all trace of writing has been erased, the camera reveals legible characters; and the forger or thief fails of his purpose of irrevocably destroying the original purport of the document with which he tampers.

"TRUTH."—It was one of the delights of the late Lord Coleridge to profess ignorance of things supposed to be of common knowledge. In a newspaper libel action his lordship, in his most silvery tones, asked, "What is 'Truth'?" "It is a newspaper, my Lord," replied counsel. "Oh!" said his lordship, preserving his simplicity and splendid gravity; "isn't that an entirely new definition?"—*Legal Adviser*.

PHOTOGRAPHS AS EVIDENCE.—Evidence was being taken as to the value of certain water privileges, and photographs were put in of the *locus in quo*. The fall in question was only some few inches, but the photographer's art had improved on it. Counsel wishing to magnify the descent of water, and the consequent value of the right to use it, holds up the picture and remarks: "Why, my Lord, it is a perfect cataract." C. M. —, Q. C., in his dry way, replies: "On investigation, my Lord, the cataract will be seen to be in my learned friend's eye."