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A CERTAIN lawyer was compelled to apologize for alleged contempt of Court. With stately dignity he rose in his place and said: "Your Honor is right and I am wrong, as your Honor generally is." There was a dazed look in the judge's eye, and he scarcely knew whether to feel happy or to fine the lawyer for contempt. He began to realize, however, as other judges have, that there is a boomerang tendency in this mode of supporting the dignity of a Court.—*Ex.*

THE shortest and yet the most pointed charge to a jury that has come under our notice is that reported by *The Law Journal* to have been delivered by Mr. Commissioner Kerr, famous for the terseness of his charges, while sitting as assistant judge at Middlesex Sessions. The prisoner concluded his defence by saying, "After all, gentlemen, you have only the prosecutor's word for it that I took his watch." "That is true, gentlemen," said the judge; "but if you believe his word, you will find the prisoner guilty; if you don't believe it, or are in doubt, acquit him. Consider your verdict."

FUGITIVE INK.—A friend of ours is about to make a fortune out of an ink which fades out in a short time, varying with the strength of the preparation, from six weeks down to twenty-four hours. We hazard the prediction that it will fill a long-felt want. Politicians have suffered untold annoyance, and at times a bitterness of soul which amounted almost to repentance, for lack of this invention. Letters written in moments of rash confidence which were not burned as directed have turned up at inopportune junctures to blast their authors. Harmless little transactions of a speculative character, recorded in permanent fluids, have proved "damned spots," which will not "out." It is, however, for its usefulness to the legal profession that we call attention to this ink. Lawyers will earn the gratitude and favour of overworked judges, and materially promote their clients' interest, by writing their briefs