

the article and that she had suffered loss and been put to expense in other ways thereby.

*Held*, that there was no precedent for an action for slander of real estate.

*Held*, also, that the damages claimed were largely imaginary and, as a similar article had been published in another newspaper about the same time, it would be impossible to decide which of the articles caused the damages, if any in fact arose.

Action dismissed with costs.

*O'Connor and Leech*, for plaintiff. *Hudson and Howell*, for defendants.

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### Obituary.

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#### *The late Dr. Frederick W. Maitland.*

On the 21st December last, Dr. Frederick William Maitland died at Grand Canary, and by his death England and the English-speaking world has lost one of its most learned and accomplished legal writers. He was the son of Mr. John Gorham Maitland, and was born in 1850. He was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he distinguished himself. He was called to the Bar in 1876, and during the next thirty years was a prolific and erudite writer on legal subjects, and had the rare facility of being able to give to all his writings unique literary charm. His researches into the realms of archaic law were profound and exhaustive, and he has in his various writings thrown great light on the legal methods of by-gone ages, and invested them with a new vitality, and by his acute and critical analyses he has enabled his readers both to appreciate and understand the value of those ancient records of our law, of which England possesses such an abundant store. Among Dr. Maitland's numerous works may be mentioned his edition of Bracton's Note Book, 1887, The History of English, published in collaboration with Sir F. Pollock, 1895; Crown Law in England, 1898; The English Law and Renaissance, 1901; and he has, besides, edited several volumes of the publications of the Selden Society. His premature death will be widely and sincerely lamented.