

pay all sums that may become due and owing by the mortgagor to the mortgagee, inasmuch as a covenant to pay profit costs to a solicitor-mortgagee would be void, as a clog on the equity redemption; and leave was therefore given to a mortgagor to overcharge and falsify settled accounts in which such profit costs had been charged; but, following *Re Doody*, (1893) 1 Ch. 129, an inquiry was directed as to whether any part of the solicitor-mortgagee's costs were payable to his partner, leaving it to be discussed subsequently whether such proportion of the costs would be chargeable against the mortgagor.

Notes and Selections.

THE HEN AND HER CHICKENS.—On a certain day some years back the town of X. was in a state of considerable excitement, for the Circuit Court was just then sitting there, and on that day there was to be heard, in appeal, a civil case which had excited general interest in the town and its neighbourhood. It was not the magnitude of the interests involved which attracted general attention; it was, perhaps, rather the very insignificance of those interests, combined with the position occupied by the litigant parties, and their feelings towards each other, which the case had evolved. The circumstances of the case were these: Messrs. A. and B. were next-door neighbours at X. The premises of the two were divided from each other by a wall, which was not high enough to prevent the fowls of the one from having access to the back yard of the other. Now, as both Mr. A. and Mr. B. were fanciers of poultry, it may be easily imagined that this state of affairs in time gave rise to complications and to strained relations between the two. Things came to a climax through the conduct of a certain black hen belonging to Mr. A. Instead of laying her eggs in her own proper yard, as a well-behaved hen should do, she succeeded, with the perversity and secretiveness of her sex, in depositing a baker's dozen, or thereabouts, of her eggs in a secluded spot in the yard belonging to Mr. B. Mr. A., finding that he no longer got his due of eggs from his black hen, became suspicious, and cooped her up in his own yard. Meanwhile, a broody white hen belonging to Mr. B., on discovering the black hen's nest, thought she could do no better than exercise her hatching propensities upon the eggs found therein. In due course she surprised and delighted her owner with a brood of