

Bradwell, that this question must be answered in the affirmative. It will be recalled that Judge Bradwell, in addition to his learning as a lawyer, and his ability and aptitude as an editor, is a skillful photographer and half-tone engraver. "The law as to how far photographs may be used in evidence is not settled. It is sometimes asked, 'Can the camera lie, and are photographs reliable?' This depends upon circumstances. A short time since, in connection with another artist, we focused two cameras upon a court of three judges, and used for a flash-light blitz pul-
ver, which lasted only the hundredth part of a second. When one of the plates was developed it was found that the eyes of the Chief Justice were closed as if in sleep, while in the other they were wide open. If the question had been to prove whether the Chief Justice was asleep at the fraction of a moment of the taking, all that would be necessary to do would be to introduce a print from one of the negatives; if to prove that he was wide awake and attending to business, to produce a print from the other negative, or, in other words, 'Look on this picture and on that.' The difference in these negatives is easily explained by those who took them, but not by the ordinary judge or lawyer."

THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENCE.—The Supreme Court of the United States just before adjournment handed down a decision which establishes the principles of the right of self-defence. The decision was given on the appeal of Babe Beard from a judgment of conviction and sentence of eight years' imprisonment for manslaughter. The facts of the case, it seems, were that Beard had three brothers-in-law, who came to his house with the express determination of driving away a cow, the ownership of which was in dispute between the parties. One of the brothers-in-law advanced upon Beard, who had a gun in his hands, and made a motion as if to draw a revolver from his pocket. Beard struck this brother-in-law over the head, inflicting a wound from which he died. On the trial the judge instructed the jury in regard to the law of self-defence, and said that Beard was compelled by that law to avoid danger at the hands of the person who threatened him by going away from the place, that the only place where he need not retreat further was his dwelling place. Judge Harlan, in delivering the opinion of the court, says that