

to a solicitor and had a conveyance drawn to vest the lands in himself in fee simple. He had been ill-treating her for some time, and one day brought her into town and took her to the solicitor's office where she executed the deed to him. She died in about three years and the grandmother took the children to her home. Now this grandmother was very much troubled as to why her daughter's land should belong to the husband. Three years afterwards she came to me to take proceedings to get the land back for the grandchildren. To my suggestion that it was rather a late day to try and do this the old man said it did not make any difference as this was a "pravidential case." I asked him to explain what Providence had to do with it. His answer was: "Wasn't it 'Im as sent the old man who was sellin' specks to us and when he see the children there didn't he punch me in the ribs and say, 'Aint you and the Missus keeping this 'aving children up perty late?' An' I told 'im, 'They wasn't ours, and all about their father 'aving took the land away from their mother, and the poor dear did fret away her life about it, and how her fainted away so soon as she got away from her 'usband and told the woman who was with 'er 'ow 'er 'ad wronged the children, by deeding away 'er land to 'im and 'ow 'er was neglected, and on the night 'er died 'er was left alone sick to death with no one in the 'ouse but the 'ired man and 'ow 'er got up and kneeled down by the bed-side and axed God to forgive 'er for being so cowardly and give up 'er land to 'er 'usband.' And then the old man with the specks, said: 'Go right to a lawyer, get the deed set aside, and git the lands for the children.' " The grandfather said to me then: "That's what we come for."

An action was commenced, and on the trial evidence as to the husband's conduct to the wife, and the evidence of the wife's immediate statements after the signing of the deed and those made by her before her death were received in evidence. The deed was ordered to be delivered up to be cancelled as fraudulent and void against the children.