MR. MOULTON AS A COPYIST

INTERESTING TESTIMONY IN THE LOADER EXAMINATION.

A Lawyer's Clerk who could not Write Fast Enough—The Fate of the Original Drafts of Loader's Affidavit—Pearsall's Story.

The first witness in the Loader examination yesterday was Joseph M. Pearsall, a clerk in the office of Morris & Pearsall, who testified that he was a notary, and took the oath of office on the 11th of May, 1874. He knew both Loader and Price, and became acquainted with the former at his residence, 401 McDonough street, Brooklyn, on the morning of June 15. He first saw John J. Price in Morris & Pearsall's office. In the afternoon of June 15 Mr. Morris told him that Loader and Price wished to swear to affidavits, and asked the witness to take their oath. Judge Morris, Gen. Pryor, and Mr. Moulton were in the front office, and Mr. Tilton was in the back office. Mr. Tilton had nothing to do with the making of the affidavits. The clerk in the back office copied out the minutes that had been made, and when he finished he handed the paper to Gen. Pryor, who handed it to the witness. Loader signed the affidavit after Gen. Pryor had sworn it to him, and then the witness took the affidavit into Mr. Morris's private office and Loader swore to the paper. Before the affidavit was made Loader had conferred with Gen. Pryor, and had told him what he knew. The affidavit made by Price was made in a similar way. A clerk named Scott wrote out the affidavit which Price signed. He copied out notes that had been made by Mr. Moulton, and he did not do it correctly. Mr. Moulton took the pen and wrote himself. The pages of the minutes on which the clerk made the affidavit were in Moulton's handwriting, but could not be found. The witness continued:

TAKING THE OATH.

After the two men signed the affidavits they went out. I saw Price that same evening, and he said that what he had sworn to was true. The usual oath was administered to both, who swore that the contents of the papers were true. I took Price with me to Whitestone that night, and I believe I saved the life of Price. Moulton said to me that I had better take Price out of town to keep him out of the way of the newspaper men. On the following morning I served a subpœna on Mr. Beecher, Mr. Tilton, and Mr. Moulton. I introduced Price to Judge Morris, Mr. Jones, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Leys, and myself proceeded to Brooklyn by train. On the way I said to Mr. Leys, as he was talking to Price, "Now, you can be sure that what the *Herald* publishes is true." That is all that was said. When we reached Brooklyn we went to Morris & Pearsall's office, and I introduced Mr. Leys to Mr. Morris. Mr. Morris took a seat, and wrote in the large office, while Leys and Mr. Morris went into a private office to consult. I paid Price on the night of the 16th in Whitestone out of money that I had in my pocket.

I gave Price only $1 at College Point. Price took some wines, but he did not get tipsy. We reached Whitestone in the evening, and as Mr. Leys was not at home I took some wines to Price. I think Price was with me all of the time. When I left Price I told him