

LEGAL VERSE.

BANGLER V. AYR-GUNN.

INFANT—TORT—EXTRAJUDICIAL REMEDY—RETAINER.—Action by an infant (by his widowed mother) against another infant for damages arising from a tort of the latter.

One infant shot another,
 And abetted by his mother
 The shootee was a suitor
 In a suit against the shooter.
 But the Judge in accents mild
 Thus addressed the punctured child:
 "Hard in law to get a bean
 From an infant of sixteen—
 Self-help here might well be tried,
 Seek redress from his bare hide!"
 This pronouncement from the Bench
 Made the plaintiff's counsel blench,
 Made him mutter "Woe is me,
 I can whistle for my fee!"
 Doubtless that the plaintiff hissed
 When her action was dismissed;
 But her son appeared to be
 Filled with an unholy glee,
 (Having now obtained protection
 From the Judge, and his direction
 As to dealing with the tort
 Unrestricted by the Court.)
 And the thing he later did
 In a field discreetly hid
 By the school, had all the zest
 Local masters at their best
 Feel, or rather should display
 When ensconced in chambers they
 On a reference by report
 Implement decrees of court.

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Oh, my brothers in the law,
 Zealously the moral draw
 From this unrevised report
 Of a careless infant's tort.
 You'll perceive it at a glance—
Get your money in advance!

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