



Legal Notes for Schoolboys!

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Several suggestions are made by Peter Todd, of the Greyfriars Remove, for the settling of schoolboy disputes but it is more than doubtful whether they would find GENERAL favour.

MOST of my readers are already aware that I am the amateur lawyer of Greyfriars, and the title of my contribution to the HOLIDAY ANNUAL will not, therefore, create any surprise. In these enlightened days the practice of settling disputes in the Courts, instead of by the good old-fashioned method of bashing one another on the napper with clubs, is spreading all over the world.

Why shouldn't it spread to public schools? Of course, I admit that, if peaceful methods fail, a punch on the nose is an excellent solution to any argument. But let's try the legal way first, fellow-schoolboys! The Editor hasn't allowed me much space for my hints on Law, but here they are so far as they go:

Assault and Battery.—Any junior who has been caned by his Form-master should immediately place the matter in the hands of a competent lawyer, and bring an action for assault and battery in the Junior Civil Court.

As the presence of the defendant is extremely unlikely in cases of this kind, the plaintiff usually wins the day, and can demand adequate compensation in the form of booby-traps fitted up for the benefit of his unsuspecting Form-master, at the discretion or otherwise of the jury.

Breach of Promise.—A senior whose fag fails to perform his allotted duties can bring an action against him for breach of promise. The fag-master has to produce evidence of the engagement, and of desertion. If his suit is successful, he is entitled to heavy damages, which are usually administered to the fag's anatomy with the aid of a cricket stump!

Libel.—You cannot bring a libel action against a master. A master is entitled to call you a "footling idiot" or "fish-faced sap," and insinuate that your head contains sawdust instead of brains, and you must put up with it. Between ourselves, however, it's a different matter. Immediately another fellow tells you you're brainless, you have a clear case for libel; that is, of course, provided you can prove that you possess brains, which is frequently found to be an impossible task!

Bankruptcy.—When you have run up a big bill at the tuck-shop, and you've borrowed money from most of the fellows in your Form, and there is no prospect of a whacking remittance from home, the best way to solve your financial difficulties is to file your petition in bankruptcy.

To do this, you must apply to the Official Receiver of your Form, who will take charge of your affairs, and call a creditors' meet

ing. The whole of your property will then be distributed among your creditors, and you can make a fresh start in life, free of debt. Don't forget that you are entitled to claim from the wreck such sacred personal belongings as partly-used chewing-gum and champion conkers.

Fags may retain up to, but not exceeding, three cooked or uncooked herrings, also a bar of soap, in the unlikely event of such an article figuring among their property.

Forgery.—Professional "impot" writers are, of course, always liable to be accused of forgery by a shrewd Form-master. When such an emergency arises, the "beak"

rarely gives the accused a chance to obtain legal advice, and the forger is therefore forced back on his own resources.

He must be brief and careful in his defence. He could remark that right is right, and if what he has written is wrong, then he can only promise to right the wrong, and write right for the future. The defence should conclude with the observation that, as the crime was committed from a love of writing "impots," a stiff sentence would seem rather hard "lines."

Such a defence might easily turn away the wrath of an irate Form-master. On the other hand, it might not!

WERE YOU RIGHT?

Solutions to Anagrams on page 108.

- 1.—George Wingate. 2.—Horace Coker. 3.—William Gosling. 4.—Micky Desmond.
5.—Sammy Bunter. 6.—Fisher Tarleton Fish. 7.—George Bulstrode. 8.—Donald Ogilvy. 9.—Harold Skinner.

Solution to Cross-Word Puzzle on page 236.

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Solutions to Anagrams on page 180.

- 1.—William George Bunter.
2.—"THE GEM" Library.
3.—William Shakespeare.
4.—"Much Ado About Nothing."
5.—Reginald Muffin.
6.—Sherlock Holmes.
7.—Greyfriars School.
8.—"THE GREYFRIARS HOLIDAY ANNUAL."

Solution to Rhyming Conundrum on page 108.

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A REMINDER

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