

The sole question in all these cases would seem to be, does the servant's employment expose him to a greater hazard by reason of the operation of natural forces than the community in general. If so, the accident clearly arises "out of" the employment.

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LAWYER'S LYRICS.

A METRICAL VERSION, BY F. M. FIELD, K.C.,

of the Case of

TURNER V. COATES.

(1917), 1 K.B. 670; 86 L.J.K.B. 321; 33 T.L.R. 79; 115 L.T. 766.

I.

To Newham Town from Tenbury, one evening dark and cold,
Led by a lad of tender years, a Mare sedate and old,
Accompanied by a frisky colt, proceeded on her way,
With Farmer Coates a following, in his old one hoss shay.

II.

That very night unknown to Coates, went forth upon a hike,
A fair young nurse, on duty bent, upon her trusty bike,
From Newham Town to Tenbury, her cycle lamp alight,
Mindful to keep the proper side, she rode out in the night.

III.

Thus "set", the scene of this my theme, but shortly after six;
Alas, that one short hour should see that Maid in such a fix,
The like of which she ne'er had dreamt, could happen to a nurse,
And yet, though it was bad enough, it still might have been worse.

IV.

The colt unbridled and unbroke, the glaring headlight saw,
And fearing some uncanny foe, ran wildly to her "maw";
While, heedless of the hiking maid, no warning gave the wight,
And hit by the stampeded foal, she suffered quite a fright.

V.

To Leominster County Court, Miss Turner promptly came,
And told to sympathetic ears, (to the defendant's shame)
Of Farmer Coates' uncultured colt, and what he did to her,
And how it hurt the bicycle, which was beyond demur.

VI.

The learned Judge with patience heard the plaintiff's woeful claim,
And though good Farmer Coates demurred, he held he was to blame,
For was it not a fact well known to farmers and to Courts,
A startled colt when running loose, kicks, capers and cavorts?