

They pulled my hair and boxed my ears and bumped against
my nose,
And then they settled on the floor in front of me in rows.
And Blackstone hobbled forward with a question to propound—
"What is the rule in Shelley's case, and where can it be found?"

This seemed to be the signal for the ill-conditioned rabble,
For they poured forth questions right and left as fast as they
could gabble.

"Does dower attach on land alone? If so, pray answer how
A man can say, 'With all my worldly goods I thee endow'!"

"State reasons for all answers, and especially the next,
And where the lectures differ from your reading of the text."
"If A. kick B., and B. kick C., who, driven by distraction,
In turn kicks A., is this what's called circuitry of action?"

"If A. sues C. for damages, can C., if he's a mind,
Buy up the kick B. got from A. and pay A. off in kind?
Or, if it's not assignable, can C. set up the plea
That, though he gave the kick to A., 'twas to the use of B.?"

"If either course you should adopt, will counter-claiming do,
Or does the law of set-off apply to a set-to?
In case you should not think so, but advise that C. sue A.,
Explain, as nearly as you can, what you would make C. pay!"

"Suppose your neighbour dines with you and guzzles too much
port,
Are you, as neighbour, bound to give him lateral support?"
"If B. sues A., for that A. merely shook his fist at B.,
Is *falsa demonstratio non nocet* a good plea?"

"How is it that the ancient forms of writ did outlive us?
For instance, writ of entry *sur disseisin in the quibus*?"
"Is a double possibility your chance of getting through?"
"And, can you sue in trover for conversion of a Jew?"

"If attendance at the lectures is considered, as a rule,
To be equally important for the students and the school,
Then why should not the Benchers make arrangements to have
cabs sent
For those who are habitually late, or who are absent?"