

The Modern Lawsuit.

CHAPTER 1.

THE LAWSUIT: ITS ORIGIN.

While the strides of the nineteenth century in jurisprudence cannot be said to stand foremost as compared with those which thrill the thinker of today when he contemplates the onward and upward march in general science and art, yet the legal mind has been distinctly stirred by the sweeping advances of civilization. And while that century lays just claim to so much and such effective work to soften the hard-hearted and to christianize the thinker, the twentieth century will do still more. This may savor of rash optimism in the very heat and blood and savagery of the present gigantic raid on the lives and stores of the civilized world. At a time when red-handed and robber-like it is boldly proclaimed to the world that the strong must *not* help the weak,