

is liable for injuries caused by the negligent operation of the machine while it is being used for the pleasure or convenience of a member of his family.

This is on the theory that the principal or master is responsible for the wrongful acts of his agent or servant committed while acting under his express or implied authority and in furtherance of his business.

And the fact that a son, member of the owner's family for whose pleasure the automobile is maintained, was operating the same for his own pleasure, does not change his relation of agent to his father, because the father made it part of his business to furnish pleasure to his son.

Thus, in an action in which it appeared that a father kept an automobile which he authorized his child to use for pleasure at any time, and that the child operated the car so negligently that she caused a collision with another machine, to the injury of the occupants of the other machine, it was held that the liability of the owner was a question for the jury. In this respect the Court said: "Defendant might properly make it an element of his business to provide pleasure for his family; and, as the car was intended for the use of the members of the family for purposes of pleasure, as well as for other purposes, and the daughter had authority to take it and operate it for such purposes, it was at least a question for the jury whether, at the time of the accident, she was not the servant of the defendant and engaged upon the business of defendant."

Where the owner of an automobile gave his wife general authority to use the machine whenever she desired to do so, and his son, who was the only member of the family licensed to drive the machine, was expected to obey the mother, such owner was held liable for injuries caused by the negligent operation of the machine by the son who was driving it with his mother and at her request.

So, too, an owner who keeps an automobile for the use of his family, and who directs his chauffeur to take their orders, is liable for injuries caused by the negligence of the chauffeur while operating the machine under the directions of the owner's son.