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Torts I Exam.

Sept. 8, 1932

1. A and B are playing golf. C, A's caddy, is inattentive, making A angry. A, intending to frighten C, aims a blow at him with a new golf club which he stops about six inches from C's head. C instinctively places D, B's caddy, in front of him to protect himself from the blow and in doing so knocks a club from B's hand. The head of A's golf club flies off striking a nearby tree and rebounding against C, putting his eye out. C's mother who is looking on becomes hysterical because her son's eye has been put out. What torts, if any, against whom, and in whose favor, have been committed?

2.(a) Discuss fully the doctrine of "Retreating to the Wall".  
(b) A and B agree to fight. Both are injured. Doctrine?

3. A and B are spending the night at C's house. On waking the next morning A discovers that the door to the room is locked and so informs B. C has locked the door with the intent of confining A, but not B. A believes the door has been locked accidentally. B knows the door was intentionally locked by C. B also knows of a secret door but does not attempt to escape through it because he knows of C's custom to keep it locked. The secret door is unlocked. Discuss C's liability for false imprisonment.

4. A is a candidate for mayor of X city. Wishing to prevent his election, B sends signed an "open letter" to a local newspaper stating that, while A was treasurer of a local bank several years before, he had been guilty of gross incompetence, and was dismissed. B believes this to be true but in fact it is false. After reading the letter, A remarks to C, "A is a liar and a busybody". C tells D of B's statement in the presence of E, a German, who understands but can neither speak nor write English. A sues B and the newspaper. B sues A, C, and D. What result in each?

5.(a) A, innocently mistaking Blackacre to be his property, agrees with B that B cultivate the land and receive for his labor one-half of the crops grown thereon. B hires C to assist him promising to give C one-half of his portion of the crops in return for his services. After the crops have been harvested the owner of Blackacre consults you as to his rights. Advise him in detail.

(b) Discuss fully when and to what extent one is privileged to defend a third person.

C thought  
had other  
tools.

C, with his horse and plow,  
remained on Blackacre daily from 7 A.M. to  
6 P.M. tending a growing crop of corn which was  
surrounded by a three strand bobbed wire fence except  
an opening through which team and implements might  
pass. A, not knowing of B's agreement with C, thinks C is a  
trespasser and tells A that he must remain on Blackacre  
until B arrives. C thereupon started through the opening to

leave immediately when A stationed himself near the opening and threw a gas bomb which exploded near C. the fumes from which were inhaled by C and the horse. having no ill effects on C but causing the horse to suffer temporary (about 5 minutes) illness which did not affect the horse's ability to walk nor cause any other permanent injury. The fumes, <sup>which</sup> were extremely disagreeable but harmless, were inhaled by C and the horse. Thinking that A had more bombs C remained until 5 PM when he was identified by B. ~~himself~~

