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## *Book Review*

### THE ADVENTURES OF EPHRIAM TUTT

By Arthur Train, New York, Charles Scribners' Sons, 1930.

This is a book of 751 pages containing twenty-two stories. The stories are said to be the "cream of seven volumes" and, in addition, "two never before in book form".

They are "legal stories". They all portray the traits and characteristics of two lawyers, and most of them relate to the methods of the law in prosecuting and punishing crime, or involve a trial scene, or turn upon some point of law.

The author asserts that in regard to the law set forth in the stories "only once has he been shown to be in error". His attention apparently has not been called to the fact that trial by jury was not guaranteed by the Magna Charta.

The professional ethics of the heroes of the stories are in many instances questionable. The "Tutt system for putting a client in a properly grateful and hence liberal frame of mind, was first, to scare said client out of his seven senses; second, to admit reluctantly, upon reflection, that in view of the fact that he had come to Tutt and Tutt there might still be some hope for him; and third, to exculpate him with such a flourish of congratulation upon his escape that he was glad to pay the modest little fee of which he was then and there relieved. Tutt and Tutt had only two classes of clients; those who paid as they came in and those who paid as they went out".

Law students will find the stories diverting, but should not be misled by the success which almost invariably followed the efforts of the Tutts. It is much easier for an author to win cases for his hero than it is for a lawyer to win cases for his clients. Lawyers who read the stories will doubtless conclude that if they were allowed the same liberties with jurors and judges as the Tutts were, their successes would be more numerous.

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