

The Lawer's Pedigree,

Tune, *Our Polly is a fad Slit.*

A Beggar had a Beadle,
A Beadle had a Yeoman ;
A Yeoman had a prentice,
A prentice had a Freeman :
The Freeman had a Master,
The Master had a Lease ;
The Lease made him a Gentleman,
And Justice of the peace.
The Justice being rich,
And gallant in Desire,
He marry'd with a Lady,
And so he had a Squire :
The Spuire had a Knight
Of Courage bold and stout ;
The Knight he had a Lord,
And so it came about.
The Lord he had an Earl ;
His Country he forfook,
He travel'd into Spain,
And there he had a Duke :
The Duke he had a prince,
The prince a King of Hope
The King he had an Emperor
The Emperor a Pope.
Thus, as the Story says,
The pedigree did run ;
The Pope he had a Friar,
The Friar had a Nun :

The Nun, she was with Child
And so her Credit funk
The Father was a Friar,
The Issue was a Monk.
The Monk he had a Son,
With whom he did inhabit,
Who when the Father died,
The Son became Lord Abbot :
Lord Abbot had a Maid,
And catch'd her in the Dark,
And something did to her,
And so he had a Clerk.
The Clerk he had a Sexton,
The Sexton had a Digger ;
The Digger had a Prebend,
The Prebend had a Vicar ;
The Vicar had an Attorney,
The which he took in Snuff ;
The Attorney had a Barrister,
The Barrister a Ruff.
The Ruff did get good Counsel,
Good Counsel get a Fee,
the Fee did get a Motion
That it might Pleased be :
the Motion got a Judgment,
And so it came to pass,
A Beggar's Brat, a scolding Knave,
A crafty Lawyer was.

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