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## JUDGE DIBELL RULES IN AUTOMOBILE CASE

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An automobile is no more dangerous than other vehicles when handled properly, according to a decision of Judge Dibell in the district court, and an owner may permit his friends to use his car the same as he would his carriage or bicycle and be no more responsible than he would in either of those cases when an accident occurs.

This opinion was rendered in the case of Lillian Kaner against Charles H. Thornton in which Judge Dibell upheld the verdict of the jury of \$300 for Miss Kaner on the grounds that the jury decided that Mr. Thornton's son was using his father's automobile on the latter's business when the accident to Miss Kaner happened.

The court intimates that he is not certain of the justness of the jury's finding, owing to the fact that young Thornton was about to take a party of friends to ride when the accident happened, although he had previously been out on business for his father.