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Another legal book of much interest is Joseph Dean's *HATRED, RIDICULE OR CONTEMPT*(Constable. 15s.). Here the author tells the story of a variety of English libel cases chosen from the many thousands which have been fought since Fox's Libel Act of 1792 decided that the value of a man's reputation was to be judged by a jury of his fellows. The strange, contentious, forlorn and cynical personalities which march across these pages include Noel Pemberton Billing, M.P., Lord Alfred Douglas, Rasputin, Horatio Bottomley and Aleister Crowley.