

Q. Have you since had any conversation with my client? A. No.

The defense then cross-questioned the witness.

Q. Do you come from the same great tribe of nomads as the plaintiff? A. No, I do not.

Q. Was I the man who dubbed you Wop?

A. I refuse to recognize the appellation.

Q. Your honor, the man has a grudge against me. I demand that his testimony be thrown out.

The defense recalled Mr. Sieck.

Q. Did the defendant offer you a watch? A. Yes.

Q. The watch was stolen some place?

A. Probably. He never had money enough to buy one.

The plaintiff interrupted, saying, "Although I am a thief and a vagabond, I demand justice and my pound of flesh, which was burned off of me."

The examination of Mr. Sieck continued.

Q. Was the plaintiff facing the desk? A. Yes.

Q. How long was his apron? A. To his knees.

Q. He was negligent in your opinion? A. Yes.

The defense now closed its case.

He showed that Mr. Lauletta had a bad character among the student body, that the plaintiff was negligent in wearing so short an apron, that Mr. Lauletta had placed a value far in advance of the real value of the damaged goods, and that in any case there was much doubt as to the cause of the holes.

Mr. Grossman outlined his case. The flask had unquestionably been dropped. There was the stain on the floor. He had been seen to wipe up the mess with a sponge. That he had not thrown the sponge into the slop jar was amply substantiated by another stain on the floor and numerous small stains in and around the slop jar and on and around the desk of the plaintiff. He rested his case, placing his client at the mercy of the court.

The decision.

The court found for the plaintiff, citing the case of Willie Snow vs. A. I. T. in Illinois, 1912 2-36726-432.

Alas! Alack! poor Willie Snow,
His face we'll see no more;
What Willie took for H₂O,
Was H₂ SO₄.

The damages were fixed at 38 cents on the following basis:

Charges of the court	36 cents.
Charges of the attorney	.02 cents.

Both plaintiff and defendant were dissatisfied. The court said that the defendant got off easy and that the plaintiff should have been glad that he did not have to pay for damages to the defendant's reputation.

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