

COW TOSSED WOMAN HIGH

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SUIT OVER ANIMAL'S EVENING RACE AND CHASE THROUGH STREETS OF THE CITY.

EXPERTS SWORN DISAGREE

The question of the probable velocity and potential power of doing damage of that refractory cow which excited the theater goers of Syracuse one night last spring, were the questions presented to the court and jury in County court this morning, when the trial of the action of Mrs. Arena Ellmer against Julius Robinnowitz, was commenced. There were many witnesses present who had enjoyed a lifelong experience with animals of this kind, but the experience seemed to have borne different fruit in the mind of each witness for their ideas of a mad cow and the proper method of corralling her differed materially.

The attorneys explained the case to the jury. They said the animal was purchased by Robinnowitz of one Charles Skiff, a farmer living near Cicero. This cow, though she made a reputation in one short night, did not live to enjoy its fruits. She was killed after the famous chase.

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Mrs. Ellmer was frightened by the cow at Veteran Park. She was returning from the theater while Mrs. Cow was steaming down over the Warren street bridge [over the Erie Canal] in search of a victim. This lady appeared to be the first person to attract her attention, so "Bossy" lowered her horns and charged. She threw the lady on the iron fence which surrounds the park, seriously injuring her. Then the animal, maddened by new pursuers, started down East Genesee street. She was captured by the police at the Jervis house.

Following the plaintiff's story of the attack came the witnesses to prove that the defendant was careless in allowing the cow to break away from the others he was driving. Charles Skiff gave a detailed description of the now historical brute. She was red and white in color, a large animal weighting about 950 pounds. She had been reared in the country, the owner said and had probably become frightened by the sights of the city.

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Then came Jerome Cooper, who said he had handled cows since he was a boy, fifty years ago. Whenever he drove cows through the city he said he had them hopped together so that there could be no stampede.

Officers John Cummings and Callahan told the jury how they chased the animal through many streets of the city. They had the patrol wagon, still for a long time the wily cow eluded all their efforts. They warned the people as they went along to look out for her.

The motion made by William Rubin for the defendant for a nonsuit was denied by Judge Ross. Roscoe R. Wilcox appeared for the plaintiff.