

WAS HE DAMAGED BY GLAD RAIMENT?

C. R. Johnson Says Man Who Sold
Him Suit Injured Him Much
and Wants \$1,000.

One of the oddest cases that has been tried in the local tribunals of justice was started yesterday in Judge Cant's room in district court. Charles R. Johnson, the plaintiff, is suing Frolke Labovitz, a bowery merchant for \$1,050, and alleges that the latter induced him to buy \$50 worth of goods while the plaintiff was under the influence of liquor.

According to the evidence taken at the trial yesterday, Johnson came in from the woods last January with plenty of lucre in his clothes. He visited the bowery and consumed a quantity of bourbon of questionable quality. While communing with the spirits Labovitz accosted him and "partly by force and partly by palaver fraudulently compelled" Johnson, so he says, to enter his store and buy a suit of clothes, an overcoat, a pair of overshoes in payment for which he gave \$38 in cash and a watch valued at \$12.

Four days later, Johnson, feeling that he had been stung, returned the goods to the merchant and demanded the return of his money and his watch. The request was denied. Johnson then started his action in the courts. He asks \$50 real damages and \$1,000 punitive damages for his injured pride and humiliation. Washburn, Bailey & Mitchell are his attorneys and O. J. Larson represents Mr. Labovitz.