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OUR BOVINE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT IS UNEXCELLED

You will recall that in 8 Dicta (4) 24, and 8 Dicta (5) 22, we took occasion to refer to Chief Justice Adams' bold stand that milk is a natural product. See *Climax Dairy Co. v. Mulder,* 78 Colo. 407, 414. Well, sir, by looking under the heading "Cow" (we said cow) in Words and Phrases, next series, we found:

(a) That "Cows do not give formaldehyde." *People v. Bowen,* 182 N. Y. 1, 8.

(b) That the Georgia Court of Appeals, after mature deliberation, was forced to conclude that "the word 'cow' *does* denote the sex of the animal." *Gibson v. State,* 67 S. E. 838, 839.

(c) That in Commonwealth v. Haynes, 107 Mass. 194, a gent with the unhappily appropriate name of Aquarius Breen was found guilty of adulterating milk with water.

And (d) that, all the foregoing authorities to the contrary, in fact flinging them down and dancing on them, an Ohio circuit court "took judicial notice that one can never tell what an old cow will do." *Marsh v. Koons,* 78 Ohio St. 68, 69.

THE LATE MR. YORICK, WE KNEW HIM

"A widow who abandons her husband without cause, thereby loses her right to the homestead." Syllabus 1 to *Sears v. Sears,* 45 Texas 557.

POLITICIANS CAN KEEP BOTH EARS TO THE GROUND

"Under the circumstances of this case, the failure of the defendant to watch his rear was gross negligence." *Kansas City Co. v. Cook,* 66 Fed. 115, 123.

16TH AND LINCOLN. RING TWICE AND ASK FOR TONY

"We are not disposed to consider him (a Chicago detective) unworthy of belief, because he was employed by good people to aid them in checking the evils of gambling and prize-fighting among the members of the Young Men's Christian Association." *Burn v. People,* 45 Ill. App. 70, 71.

OH, YEAH?

"The learned counsel for the appellant has submitted to us a large volume of 361 pages which is called a brief. It is not a brief, and does not serve the purpose of elucidating and aiding which is done by a brief. It has an index of twelve pages, which is about the length the brief would have been if made after the way established for the making of briefs." *Rudiger v. Coleman,* 114 N. Y. S. 689.

REFRESHING JUDICIAL STYLE IN THE QUONDAM CONFEDERACY

"The 'God-damn-it-Johnie-go-ahead-anyhow' style of attention to the non-delegable duty of the master to supply to employees safe machinery and appliances can meet at the hands of this court nothing short of the sternest condemnation." *Southern Co. v. Wiley,* 88 Miss. 825, 841.

NOT TALKING ABOUT US, WERE YOU, GEORGE?

"There is no reason why a man should not be a fool." Sir George Jessel, M. R., in *Bennet v. Bennet,* 43 L. T. (N. S.) 246.

FINAL WARNING

The Supreme Court is likely to hand down a decision any Monday.