

## BED BROKE DOWN; SISTERS QUARREL

Twenty-Five Witnesses  
on Hand When Case  
Came to Court

### DEFENDANT FINED BY JUSTICE

It was a case of two prevailing against twenty-five in Alderman Weaver's court yesterday when Estelle Wright, of 815 Dauphin street, was fined \$3.20 for acting in a disorderly manner toward her sister, Mrs. Florence Keating, of 828 Dauphin street. From the number of witnesses produced, especially by the defense, it would seem that owing to the preponderance of evidence she should have been acquitted, but peculiarly enough it was otherwise and Squire Weaver was legally right in his disposition of the case, as will be shown.

Until recently Estella and Florence lived in the same house in almost idyllic accord, notwithstanding the fact that the latter had five children with her. Everything passed along smoothly enough until, unfortunately for the peace of the household, Florence and her children were prevailed upon by her sister to sleep on a bed belonging to the latter. Whether this bed was old or simply refused to support such a load it is not definitely known, but at any rate it suddenly collapsed with a crash. Then the discord began.

First Estella was angered because of the wreck of her bed and she said some mighty sharp things. Then Florence passed several uncomplimentary remarks and before the articulate fracas had ended all of Dauphin street was set by the ears.

Well, Florence left Estella and with her children moved into another house. Then, before Florence had become settled, she was haled before Alderman Walsh on complaint of her sister and she had to produce \$3.00 of the realm. Florence swore out a complaint before Alderman Weaver and last night Estella was given her hearing.

There were 25 witnesses present in behalf of Estella, but unfortunately at the crucial moment each one testified to what someone else had told them. Hearsay evidence does not count in Squire Weaver's court. So when Florence's two witnesses testified to what they had actually seen, as to how Estella had overwhelmed her sister, then was Squire Weaver satisfied of her guilt.

She paid the fine and costs.



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