

# Fancher Staff Worked 16 Months in Re-gluing

Men Testify in \$500,000 Suit  
Thousands of Joints Fell Apart.

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Little Valley—A virtual procession of production workers who, it claimed, had been diverted for periods up to 16 months to repairing of defective pieces of furniture returned by customers, testified in the \$500,000 damage suit against the Arabol Company, New York City, in Supreme Court here Thursday.

It is the claim of the plaintiff that glue it bought from the defendant was not suitable as warranted for edge-to-edge gluing, and that thousands of dining room suite components came apart at joints glued with Arabol's secret formula glue.

Eugene Van, Salamanca, veneer and plywood supervisor at the Fancher plant, told of his personal examination of one of the first table tops returned from a customer.

"I took off the veneer and banding," he related, "and the core stock came apart at the joints. There was a white, flaky substance at the glue line," he added. Previous testimony has described the Arabol adhesives as white, differing from the brown, hot animal glues.

"More than 500 drawers from servers and buffets came to me for repairs," Maurice Field, cabinet room worker at the Fancher plant, testified. "I was on repairs 16 months and during that time two-thirds of my time was given over to fixing furniture that came apart at glue joints. I saw as many as six openings in a single core," he replied in answer to a question by Clayton M. Smith, Buffalo, counsel for the plaintiff.

"We disposed of about half of all the pedestals returned to us," a cabinet maker, Nathan Frank, told Justice Hamilton Ward, Jr., and jury. He said it was less costly to destroy many of them than to try to make repairs.

Between 1,100 and 1,200 chairs passed through the hands of James DeBoy, Fancher drawer assembler, he estimated. "I frequently had to repair the same chair two or three times," he said, and explained that after he had made repairs the chairs would come apart in new places.

Edward Haynoski and John Dugan, Fancher repair crew members, testified along the same lines.

At the close of court Thursday, about 1,500 pages of typed testimony were required for the record of proceedings covering the first nine days of the trial which it is now estimated will take three weeks.

The chief defense counsel, Ulysses S. Grant, New York City, expects to call the first defense witness Monday.