

nical terms asked of him.

Justice Hamilton Ward refused to permit a statement as to warranty or non-warranty of adhesives as a trade custom when the question was put to Ashwood N. Stull, Salem, Mass., president and director of the American Polymer Products Corp., and vice president and director of the American Resinous Chemicals Corp. The court sustained Mr. Smith's view that the witness was not qualified as to the customs prevailing in the

sale of adhesives to the woodworking industry.

Quality Questioned

That the Arabol company bought numerous barrels of off-standard polyvinyl acetate, the base used in GRB-10 glue, was put in evidence by Mr. Smith from letters and copies between the defendant concern and the L. E. DuPont company. During cross-examination of Carl Erikson, Arabol's chief chemist, Mr. Smith referred to a letter to the DuPont company stating that

114 barrels of their acetate had been used before noticing that it was off-grade. Mr. Erikson said first: that off grade acetate was not used in making GRB-10 and the later GRC-34, and, second: That if it had been used it would have no effect on the finished adhesive.

Adequacy of controls at the Arabol's Brooklyn plant to assure a uniform finished product, referring to GRB-10 and GRC-34, was affirmed by John M. DeBell of Long Meadow,

Mass., who told of his inspection of the defendant's laboratory and plant. President of the Richardson & DeBell Co., Inc., chemical engineers, the witness was a consultant on plastics to the War Production Board during the last war, and toured defeated Germany for the army to discover if German scientists were in advance of U.S. researchers in plastics.