

Fancher Case Verdict Held Excessive

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Buffalo. (A.P.) — State Supreme Court Justice Hamilton Ward Friday granted a motion to set aside a \$220,000 damage verdict awarded the Fancher Furniture Company, Salamanca, against a glue manufacturer.

Holding that the Cattaraugus County jury's award was excessive, Ward ruled that unless the plaintiff agrees to reduce the verdict to \$120,000 there must be a new trial.

The jury awarded the Fancher concern \$120,000 for damages suffered as a result of damage to furniture it made and \$100,000 for "loss of reputation and good will."

The defendant was the Arabol Manufacturing Company, New York City.

Fancher sought \$500,000 damages, claiming that glue it purchased from Arabol between June, 1946, and March, 1947, proved defective and resulted in return of hundreds of pieces of furniture from retail outlets and consumers.

The case, heard by Justice Ward and the jury in Little Valley, ended last week.