

For His Lack Of Sportsmanship Judgment Affirmed!

[G. R. No. 4009—May 25, 1934]
THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, plaintiff-appellee,
versus ANDRES S. NICOLAS, defendant.

DECISION

BUTTE, J.:

The appellant, who is a member of the bar, was convicted in the Justice of the Peace Court of *lesiones menores*. On appeal this conviction was affirmed by the Court of First Instance of Rizal and the appellant fined ₱5.00. He brings this case to the court of last resort.

The domestic placidity of the conjugal establishment of the appellant and his spouse was turbulently disturbed by their debutante daughter who asseverated her intransigent hostility to certain anachronistic social usages (chaperonage). This originated an acromonious disputation between the appellant and his spouse. Unable to compose their divergent viewpoints by mutual concessions, they resorted to the arbitrament of pugilism, in which the spouse—a husky woman—gave a convincing demonstration of the ultra-feminist postulate of the invincible equality of the sexes. Whereupon the appellant, in craven betrayal of his sex and Stygian blindness to the precepts of his noble profession, accepted the reinforcement of a swagger stick with which he belayed his opponent. He now pleads self-defense. Shame on him! For his lack of sportsmanship the judgment is affirmed with double costs (Rule 40). Santos and Diaz, JJ., concur.

Professional jealousy—

“Say, I hear you lost your job. Why did the foreman fire you?”

“You know what a foreman is—he’s the one who stands around and watches his men work.”

“What’s that got to do with it?”

“Why, he got jealous of me. People thought I was the foreman.”—*Varieties*

PERSEVERANCE

TAMERLANE, the great Asiatic ruler, was one of those wise and discerning individuals who draw important lessons from the small incidents of life.

“Once,” he related to his friends, “I was forced to hide myself from my enemies in a ruined building, where I sat alone many hours. Seeking to divert my mind from my apparently hopeless condition, I fixed my attention on an ant that was carrying a grain of corn larger than itself up a high wall. I counted the efforts it made to accomplish this feat. The grain fell sixty-nine times to the ground; but the insect persevered, and the seventieth time it reached the top. This incident gave me courage at the moment, and I never forgot the lesson.”

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