

NEGRO WINS SUIT AGAINST COOK

Restaurateur Must Pay Henry C. Richardson \$25 for Failing To Serve Him

B. J. Cook, proprietor of a restaurant at 214 West Superior street, must pay Henry C. Richardson, a colored man, damages in the sum of \$25 for refusing to serve him with supper. A jury in municipal court brought a verdict to this effect yesterday.

Richardson entered the restaurant several weeks ago with a white man and called for supper. After what the plaintiff called a considerable delay Richardson said he asked one of the waitresses to serve him.

"I don't have to wait on niggers," is the remark attributed to the girl by the plaintiff. He appealed to the proprietor, but Mr. Cook, it was claimed, said he could not compel the girls to serve customers. Testimony of the defendant was to the effect that he had gone to the rear of the room to find a waitress to fill the order, but that Richardson and his companion had left the place when he returned.

Richardson brought suit for \$500 damages. The case was tried before Judge Windom several months ago, the court holding that the offense could not be committed by proxy. He was reversed by the judges of the district court.