

DID NOT SLANDER DAVID POLINSKY

Jury Finds in Favor of Woman Charged With Calling Him a Fire Bug.

Fanny Pass did not slander David Polinsky.

So decided the jury yesterday in the case brought against her by Polinsky, who demanded \$2,000 damages. The action was one of the strangest ever tried in Duluth, and although suggesting humor on the face of it, excited in the minds of those who listened to it, a spirit of pity.

David Polinsky, the plaintiff, owned a store on West Superior street, and last February it took fire. He claimed that Fanny Pass said in the presence of several people, that he had set fire to the building. He also alleges that the following morning, when an insurance man came around to view the damage, Mrs. Pass said in answer to his question:

"No, we didn't have a fire, but that thief next door set fire to the store."

Herbert A. Dancer, in summing up, said any man who would come into court with a case of that kind, especially against a woman, was nothing but a "Shylock." He claimed that Mrs. Pass did not utter the alleged slanderous remarks, and that if she did, it was in the heat of excitement, and thoughtlessly.

During his argument, he mentioned the name of Louis Pass, husband of the defendant, who died just a year ago yesterday. When the name was spoken, Joseph Oreckovsky, father of Mrs. Pass, burst into tears, the memory of his son-in-law, and the trouble of his daughter on the first anniversary of his death, moving him to such an extent that he could hide his grief no longer. The jury was out but little over half an hour.