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The *Civil Rights/Civil Liberties* exhibit examined several prominent court cases held in the National Archives - Central Plains Region.

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# **Fashion Court**



Advertisement for Queen Make dresses. The company was involved in a trademark dispute.

Found in our vast holdings from federal courts are a number of cases that involve, in one form or another, the fashion and beauty industry. Included in this exhibit are select cases that demonstrate the variety of lawsuits that have made their way through the legal system. Some involve well-known names, such as Levi Strauss, seeking patent protection. Others involve common citizens hoping to receive financial compensation following "beauty disasters," such as exploding bottles of nail polish and hair loss from permanents. And still more cases chronicle important events in the history of the labor movement and the rise of unions in the garment industry.

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## Featured Court Cases

All of the court cases featured in this exhibit are taken from Record Group 21, Records of the District Courts of the United States. For more information about any of the cases cited or other records, please call (816) 268-8000.



Page from a 1920 catalog of The National Cloak & Suit Company, a Kansas City company involved in a trademark dispute.

### The Case of the Exploding Nail Polish

*Florence Carlberg v. F.W. Woolworth Company*  
USDC for the District of South Dakota, Southern Division, Sioux Falls, S.D., Civil Case Files (1938-1963), Case #19.

### A Hair Perm Gone Bad

*Carol Bode, a minor, by Catherine Bode, her next friend v. The Gillette Company*  
USDC, Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division, St. Louis, Civil Case Files

(1938-57), Case #9126.

### If It Doesn't Fit, You Must Acquit: Lace Mitts and Cotton Gloves

*Rice Stix Dry Goods Co. v. The United States*  
USCC-Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division, St. Louis, Law & Equity (1838-1912), Case #9111.

### What's in a Name?

*National Cloak & Suit Company v. Joseph Sonken and Mose Silverman, co-partners doing business under the firm name and style of National Army Stores Company*  
USDC, Western Division of Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Equity & Law Cases (1913-1938), Case #527.

### Clothes Fit for a Queen

*Isaac Ginsberg & Brothers, Inc. v. Queen Manufacturing Company*  
USDC, Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Divi-

sion, St. Louis, Equity & Law (1857-1938), Case #7432.

### New and Useful Improvements in Undergarments

*Winget Kickernick Company, and Mary D. Neilson v. The Strutwear Knitting Company, a Corporation*  
USDC for the District of Minnesota, Fourth Division, Minneapolis, MN, Equity Cases (1913-1938), Case #2812 .

### The Case of the Patented Plastic Purse

*Frances P. Syracuse v. H. Daust Manufacturing Company, a Corporation*  
USDC, Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division, St. Louis, Civil Action No. 10988 (2).

### Patented Pantaloons

*Levi Strauss v. Meyer Lindauer David Lindauer*  
USCC, Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division, St. Louis, Law, Equity & Criminal (1838-1912), Case #5147.

### Union Made Clothes for the Working Man

*Hamilton Carhartt v. Star Clothing Manufacturing Company, et al.*

USCC, Western District of Missouri, Central Division, Jefferson City, Equity & Law Files (1879-1912), Case #2260.

### The Patented Professional Hair Permanent Waving Tube Dispute

*The S. Lemur Company v. W. G. Shelton Company*  
USDC, Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division, St. Louis, Equity & Law Files (1857-1938), Case #7738.



Advertisement for the Shelton Portable, a hair permanent machine involved in a patent dispute.

### St. Louis Strikers and Scabs

*Curlee Clothing Company*

v.

*Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, et al.*  
USDC, Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division, St. Louis, Equity & Law Files (1857-1938), Case #7170.

### One of the Most Bitterly Contested

### Battles in American Labor History

*Donnelly Garment Company, and Donnelly Sales Company, a Corporation*  
v.



Strikers walking outside of the Curlee Clothing Company in St. Louis, Missouri.

*International Ladies' Garment Workers, an Unincorporated Union, et al.*

USDC, Western District of Missouri, Western Division, Kansas City, Equity & Law (1913-1938), Case #2924.

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Advertisement appearing in *Vogue* magazine in 1940 for Nelly Don dresses. The Donnelly Garment Company of Kansas City was involved in a lengthy legal dispute with the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.



Nelly Don Travel Prints