

"Yes," said the rich papa.

"No," declares the son.

"Never!" asserts Miss Fox, a gigantic solitaire sparking on her finger to back up her statement.

"If my son persists in marrying a girl who wears a slit or hobble skirt, I will disinherit him," Richardson the elder said, emphatically, bringing his fist down on the table with a bang.

Richardson, Jr., has brought his sweetheart to the San Bernardino home for a visit and incidentally to be submitted for the customary pre-nuptial perusal. She wore a new

blue suit of the "peg-top" variety with ever so slight a slit in the skirt which exposed a dainty silken clad ankle.

But the father's protest fell upon deaf ears, for that very afternoon young Richardson presented Miss Fox with the diamond ring.

"I see no reason why Mr. Richardson should object," said Miss Fox, a bit piqued. "I am not immodest in my dress—I simply follow the styles. Why, a slit-skirt is nothing to be ashamed of; I wonder how he would like it if I wore a hoop skirt!"

THE TALE OF A BULL PUP'S TAIL



El Paso, Tex.—King Solomon of old offered to divide an infant in half when two mothers each claimed it. Judge E. B. McClintock rendered a new kind of verdict. Margarita Valdespino claimed a bull pup.

The dog was produced in court. Margarita asserted it was hers. Another woman said was hers.

Margarita produced a few inches of white tail. The judge applied the fragments to the stub of the disputed pup's caudal appendage. It fitted beautifully, and the color matched. "We saved it when we had it cut off," explained Margarita, as she received the dog at the judge's orders.

TO SCREEN SAVAGE SHOWS

An affiliation has been effected between the Famous Players Company and Henry W. Savage, Inc., for the purpose of producing all the plays owned and controlled by the Savage company in motion pictures. These will include such productions as "The Million," "Top o' the Mornin'," "The Great Name," "Little Boy Blue," "The Prince of Pilsen," "Madame X,"

"The County Chairman," "The Devil," "Miss Patsy," "The College Widow," "Mary Jane's Pa," "The Merry Widow" and many others.

WHAT THEN?

A man has invented a rat trap that can be set with the foot, but what can the foot be set with if the rat trap comes down on it?—Florida Times-Union.