

## ALIENISTS SPIES, HAMMOND ASSERTS

Testifies in a Fee Suit That They  
Were in a Plot to Put Him  
in an Asylum.

### DRIVEN TO FIGHT AT LAST

His Indignation So Great at One Time  
That He Felt Like Killing  
Some of the Plotters.

Dr. Preston Satterwhite's suit for \$715 for services to James B. Hammond, the typewriter manufacturer, in November, 1907, was brought to trial yesterday before Supreme Court Justice O'Gorman and a jury. Hammond testified that he had treated Dr. Satterwhite courteously, "the same as I did the other doctors sent by my brother to spy out some evidence of insanity for the benefit of those who were trying to make me a life ward of the Supreme Court and strip me of my property."

Hammond testified that he was badly treated in the psychopathic ward of Bellevue Hospital, where he said he thought he was entitled to humane treatment because he was there against his will.

"The attendants dragged me out of bed by the heels," he said, "and while the female nurses held my feet, the male nurses jumped on my chest."

In spite of the testimony of alienists against him, Hammond was set free, he said. Later he admitted going to Dr. Satterwhite's office. He thus explained the visits:

"Dr. Satterwhite said he came from the Blue Grass region of Kentucky, and spoke of the whisky made there. I went to see him because I wanted to arrange to get a barrel of Blue Grass whisky. I wanted to get some stuff that would do me some good, instead of harm, like the stuff they gave me at the sanitarium."

He had thirty-six doctors in attendance on him at one time, he said. "Their medicines," he testified, "had so much dope in them that I put them in my pocket and afterward threw them away." He said he was much impressed with the efficacy of the water cure as a child, and had little faith in drugs. Doctors in Florida, Hammond said, with a chuckle, had arranged for his early burial, but, he added:

"I have been an invalid all my life, but a pretty active man at that. Some doctors have treated me successfully, and I give them all due credit, but as for your average doctor, he is merely a commercial man."

"I was much disappointed at the doctors who came to see me at Bellevue and the sanitarium. They were most polite men when they marched in every day. They'd ask me to tell a story, and we'd have our little jokes, and I thought they would all testify that I was competent. But they all turned around and came up to the trial to swear against me."

Hammond said he believed he was drugged at the sanitarium and at Bellevue, so that he was dazed part of the time.

"I was all right," he testified, "as soon as I got the dope out of my system that they had put in me."

The witness said he understood that Dr. Satterwhite had been sent to him by a group of the conspirators who were trying to despoil him of his estate, and that Satterwhite was one of them.

"If I had not controlled my indignation, I should have struck out right and left," he went on. "If I had let my indignation run away with me at the conspiracy, I might have killed some of them. I finally came to the conclusion that there would be no peace for me until I showed some people that I could fight."

Hammond did not answer enthusiastically about Dr. Austin Flint, who was retained as an alienist by the attorney whom the court appointed to conduct his

defense to the insanity charge. He said he continually had to interfere with the lawyer to get his rights, and that "Flint was trying to ride two horses at the same time."

Dr. Satterwhite was not allowed to testify, because Hammond refused to waive his right of privacy under the doctor's claim that he had been a patient.

"I have not sufficient confidence in the truth of Dr. Satterwhite," said Hammond, to let him go on the stand and tell a trumped-up story."

"Do you remember that Dr. Flint objected to your taking stimulants?" Hammond was asked.

"I suppose you mean whisky," replied Hammond. "I had a bottle of whisky on the mantelpiece, and when the doctors came in to see me I always offered them a drink; and I was particular to have it of good quality. In fact, I think most of the people in the sanitarium liked to have a free bottle of whisky."

The suit will continue to-day.

### Gifts for the Poor.

THE NEW YORK TIMES has received \$5 from Mrs. M. H., sent, in response to an appeal of the Widowed Mothers' Fund Association. One dollar was also received from "A. S. G." to help a mother with seven children, for whom an appeal was made recently by the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities. To aid Salvatore Serio, 7 years old, a deaf-mute who was arrested for soliciting alms, "Anonymous" sent \$1.

### Zionists to Hold a Purim Festival.

A Purim festival to celebrate the tenth anniversary of The Maccabean, the official Zionist magazine in this country, will be held at the Murray Hill Lyceum this evening at 8 o'clock. Addresses will be made by the Rev. Dr. J. L. Magnes of Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Prof. Israel Friedlander, acting Dean of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Prof. Richard Gottheil of Columbia University, Jacob de Haas, and Louis Lipsky.