

"COW" OF A CAR

Bankruptcy Court Humor

MR. MOSS IN FORM

The Bankruptcy Court is not a place where many laughs are heard, but one went up this morning, which threatened to disturb the serenity of the stately Supreme Court building when the Official Receiver (Mr. M. Moss) was examining Samuel Mackomel, a Russian Jew, of Second-avenue, Mt. Lawley, concerning the causes of his bankruptcy. Mackomel filed his schedule in connection with debts totalling £157 16s 9d. He said he had no assets, as all the money and assets in the family belonged to his wife and her mother, Mrs. Max Golding, of Mt. Lawley.

Owing to his "pidgin" English pronunciation of words, and excitability, great difficulty was experienced in understanding Mackomel and in following his story. He said his wife owned a milk round, on which he was employed by her, and placed some of his trouble to the fact that she had bought what

Mr. Moss and everybody else in Court, including the Registrar, Mr. T. F. Davies, understood was a cow, more particularly so as Mackomel was the driver of the milk delivery van, and a cow was not out of place in such a business.

For quarter of an hour Mackomel and Mr. Moss were at real cross-purposes—cross in more ways than one.

Finally, when Mackomel said that the "cow" stuck him up, and he had to have "her head taken off." Mr. Moss gave an expression of great surprise.

Illumination came a moment later when Mackomel said something about a mechanic, and everybody laughed loudly when it was realised that he had been talking about a car.

"Well," observed Mr. Moss with a chuckle, "I've often heard a car called a cow."

"What make of car was it?" asked Mr. Moss.

"It was a Whippet," replied Mackomel, and Mr. Moss, not to be outdone, rejoined, "Well, we are still in the animal kingdom."

Another laugh went up when Mackomel was asked for his mother-in-law's name.

"Mrs. Max Golding," came the reply. "Max is her Christian name," supplemented Mackomel.

"Hardly her Christian name," observed Mr. Moss. "I suppose you mean

served Mr. Moss. "I suppose you mean her baptismal name."

"No!" declared Mackomel emphatically, "her Christian name."

He did not appreciate the subtle tilt.

Mr. Moss finished by telling Mackomel that he had worked out a good scheme, and he wondered if he had learned it in Russia.

Mackomel replied that it was no scheme at all, and the examination was adjourned till November 19.
