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DUNMOW FLITCH TRIAL - - Married couples
prove that they have not quarrelled for a year and a day.

-Essex-

Picture.:- If you haven't had a quarrel with your
wife or husband for a whole year, this judge may
sometime award you a side of bacon - - the Dunmow
Flitch. His Lordship is about to--

--try couples who say they are eligible. Mr.--

--Mann, of Woking, says he's eaten eggs for breakfast,
but--

--never thrown them. Mrs Mann admits catching Mr.Mann,
but not anything--

--he's thrown. The jury of maidens and bachelors--

--are asked to believe that. I say, I like the
jury !

The council for claimants questions his client.
Mrs. Mann--

--admits that he married his wife because of her--

--treacle tarts and that she's stuck to him ever since.

The judge thinks the case is a--

--sticky business. A pointed question from opposing--

--council causes Mr. Mann some embarrassment. He perspires
freely.

Stout gentleman in court smokes freely.

Mrs.Mann corroborates her husband's evidence that
he became sweet on her through treacle tarts.

The judge sums up for the jury.

The said jury consider their verdict/ⁱⁿand for, camera.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mann and two other couples are awarded this year's famous Dunmow Fitch. One winning husband was once a regimental Sergeant Major. Old--

--soldiers will understand that. He got rid of all his spleen on the parade ground.

The judge congratulates the winner without uttering a sentence. He's too dumbfounded. Three married couples who--

--don't quarrel. Dunmow truth is certainly stranger than fiction.