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Founder of Love Cult Verbally Castigated by High Court Judge.

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LONDON, April 14—Alastair[sic] Crowley "priest of evil" and founder of a love cult in New York's Greenwich Village yesterday lost his libel suit against Miss Nina Hamnett, writer, whom he had charged with defamation of character.

The jury in the King's Bench Division after listening to a severe verbal spanking of Crowley by the Court returned a verdict for the defendant. The Court's charge was a broadside against Crowley's magic practise in Cefaly [sic] Villa in Sicily, Italy.

Previously a witness for the defence testified that Crowley sacrificed a cat and made the witness drink its blood. "I have been over forty years in the administration of the law. I thought everything which was vicious and bad had been produced at one time or another before me, but I have learnt in this case that we can always learn something more if we live long enough," declared the judge.