

ETICHEPARE BURIED.
BUT FIGHT GOES ON.

LAST OF STRIKING FIGURE IN
FIERCE LITIGATION.

Etichepare Was the Agent of the Leonis Widow, Who at One Time Was Reduced to Living on Acorns from Her Ancestral Trees.

Laurent Etichepare, one of the principal figures in the great Leonis litigation, was buried yesterday from the Church of Our Lady of the Angels.

What is left of the great lawsuit will probably be carried on by his heirs against the widow Leonis.

Etichepare was the agent of the Leonis widow through the long fight, and wound up by getting into a fierce lawsuit with her himself.

Probably a woman never had more law on her hands at one time than this poor rich old Basque woman, and probably there never was one who had less idea what it was all about.

It is said that the estate in which she and Etichepare were interested has been productive of more than one hundred lawsuits. It has been rich feeding for many law firms, and thousands of dollars have been eaten up by court fees. The case has been in the courts for years.

It started with the death of an old Basque named Miguel Leonis. He had an enormous estate up in the Elizabeth Lake country, which he had purchased largely from the Indians.

Questions rose as to his title. Questions rose as to his heirs.

The result was a hopeless legal jumble, the full details of which would take a week to tell and about twice that time to comprehend.

With the Etichepares and the Leonises and the lawyers, the thing dragged on through the courts until the judges were sick of the sound of the name. It was handed over to a court commissioner and fought some more.

The little old Spanish woman in her reboso used to be a forlorn figure about the courts, sitting in a corner looking in dum appeal at her lawyers.

When the litigation first began, it is related that she fled to the mountains in fear of her life, and her lawyers had to go on exploring expeditions after their client.

Heir to all the rich acres left by her husband, it is said that she was at one time reduced to a diet of acorns which she picked up off the ground at her home, her property being so tied up in the courts.

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