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HOMICIDE—SELF-DEFENCE.

In a case tried at Philadelphia—*Commonwealth v. Bouchet*—the defendant, François Bouchet, was indicted, first count, for manslaughter, and second count for involuntary manslaughter, in causing the death of Adam Wilson, a sailor. Bouchet is a West Indian. He dressed himself in the white apron and hat of a pastry cook and sold cream-puffs on the streets.

On July 17, 1895, Bouchet was singing and selling his puffs on Walnut street near Second, dressed in a spotless costume of white. Wilson began teasing him and pulling at his coat, when Bouchet told him to leave him alone, and three times walked away from Wilson. At the last time Wilson gathered up a handful of dirt and threw it at Bouchet, striking him on the shoulder, the mud scattering over his coat, necktie, falling into his basket and on his puffs. Bouchet then turned and struck Wilson two or three blows on the cheek and gave him a kick on the hip. Wilson, who was drunk, put up his hand as though to grasp Bouchet, slipped and fell on his hip, and rolled over and struck his head upon Belgian blocks which were piled in the street. He died the same day.