

CONTRACTS
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Certainty of Damages

The plaintiff, a young woman entered a beauty contest organized by the defendant. The contract they signed stipulated that public ballots would be utilized to select the 50 finalists. 6000 women entered the contest, and the plaintiff turned out to be among the 50 popularly elected finalists. According to the contract, each finalist was to attend a personal interview with the defendant, and he was to choose twelve winners who would receive valuable employment as actresses (with wages valued at \$60,000). The defendant breached his contract with the plaintiff by refusing to schedule an interview with her.

Should the court instruct the jury to assess damages in favor the plaintiff? If so, how much should she recover?

(See *Chaplin v. Hicks*, [1911] 2 KB 786)