

belong to the Government is to be determined in the local courts through a suit at law brought by Laura Jackson, a colored woman, who was bitten last Fall by a savage animal, supposed to be a wolf, that escaped from the National Zoo.

The suit is brought directly against Dr. Baker of the Smithsonian Institution, who is the Curator of the Zoo, and damages are placed at \$300.

Mrs. Jackson was sitting in her yard when the supposed wolf jumped over the fence, bore her to the ground, and bit and scratched her fiercely.

At the time Admiral Dewey's fine Scotch collie was running loose and was supposed to be afflicted with rabies. By some it was claimed that it was the collie that bit the woman, and she was advised to sue the Admiral for damages. The Admiral's dog was promptly killed soon after, and the idea of his having rabies was scouted.

Now the wolf alternative is to be established in court, if possible. The case will be tried before the District Supreme Court.

BITTEN BY ESCAPED WOLF.

Mrs. Laura Jackson of Washington, D. C., Seeks Damages from Curator of Zoo.

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WASHINGTON, July 14.—Whether the United States is liable, like individuals, for the injuries caused by animals that may