

Bette Davis Goes West... WITH A WALLOP



Pow! Bette Davis lets Amanda Blake have it in a scene for a Gunsmoke episode.

The story thus far: On a ruse, Matt Dillon (James Arness) has been enticed to the Stone farm to rescue Kitty (Amanda Blake), who has been kidnaped. Etta Stone (Bette Davis) plans a horrible revenge. She and her four sons would hang Matt, with Kitty looking on, to avenge the hanging of the Stone father for murder six years before. Matt had brought him in for trial. As our scene opens,

Kitty has tried to escape, and in the ensuing action Etta Stone in fury has killed her own son Jack. Now Bette Davis stands before Amanda Blake for one of the meanest slapping scenes in all TV history.

Pow! *right in the kisser* (as Jackie Gleason would say), resounds the first slap. Again and again, Bette slaps Amanda, whose head and long red tresses toss with the continued