

PECULIAR ACTION FOR DAMAGES.

A somewhat amusing action and counter-action came before Sheriff Mair in the Glasgow Small Debt Court yesterday. Charles L. Reis & Co., fancy goods merchants, 21 Jamaica Street, sued F. Simmonds & Co., American Novelty Company, 25 Jamaica Street, for £500, restricted to £12, for loss and damage sustained in business through defenders affixing a notice in front of their shop (outside), 25 Jamaica Street, as follows:—"No connection with the German Jews next door," which notification was calculated seriously to injure pursuers in business and hurt their feelings. A counter claim was lodged by Messrs F. Simmonds & Co. against Charles L. Reis & Co., for having a notice in their window to the effect that they did not sell any German-American clocks or German-American watches; and also for representing to several people who happened to go into Messrs Reis' shop in mistake, and who asked for Mr Simmonds, that he had left Glasgow, and they did not know where he had gone to. The two shops are separated from each other by an entry. The Sheriff said he had no doubt whatever that pursuers had a very good case against defenders for putting up such an objectionable notice — that was the mildest term he could use. If the case were put into proper shape he would have no hesitation in giving substantial damages, as there could be no doubt in the mind of any person what was the object of the notice. Mr Strang, who appeared for Messrs Simmonds & Co., then read the counter claim, as given above. After he had finished, the Sheriff stated that both parties seemed to be alike, and, addressing pursuer, said—You think that no license should be given to the defenders, and that you should have every license yourself. His lordship dismissed both actions, allowing defenders 7s 6d of expenses.

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