

DARING BURGLARY IS PERPETRATED

ON PREMISES OF GLASGOW
JEWELLERS,
AND THIEVES CARRY OFF HAUL
OF £1000.

A daring jewel robbery in the premises of Messrs Charles Reis & Co., the well-known jewellers, at the corner of Jamaica Street and Argyle Street, Glasgow, was discovered yesterday morning.

The thieves made a haul of jewellery estimated at £1000.

They got clear away, but left behind them an important clue in the shape of the burglary implements which they had been using.

From the nature of the burglary the police suspect that it was the work of an expert gang of thieves.

The details of the burglary show a marvellous resource and daring on the part of the thieves. Tuesday was the shopkeepers' half-holiday in the city, and the premises were closed at one o'clock.

On opening the shop yesterday morning it was found that thieves had been at work. There was a neatly-cut square hole opening in the ceiling, and through this the burglars had obviously gained access to the shop. They had confined their attention to the articles of jewellery in the windows, of which they made a careful selection, taking only the class of articles which can be easily melted.

Curiously enough the shutters, which were supposed to keep the thieves out, served to protect them from observation while they were pursuing their operations inside. The safe, in which the more valuable part of the stock had been placed, was left intact.

SAWED THROUGH THE FLOOR

Situated immediately above the jeweller's shop is the warehouse of an umbrella manufacturing firm. It was through the floor of one of the rooms in these premises that the thieves sawed their way through to the shop beneath.

When a hoistman came to open the gateway at the foot of the stair yesterday morning he discovered that the padlock had been interfered with and the chain broken.

It was noticed also that all the electric lights on the stairway were lighted, and that the window on the second landing overlooking the well had been opened. It is apparent from these circumstances, therefore, that the thieves had taken this devious though successful way of gaining their object. It is probable that use was made of rope ladders.

The burglary implements which were left behind were found in Messrs Wright's premises. They are said to be of an extremely workmanlike and valuable character, comprising jemmys, braces, bits, chisels, and blow-pipes.

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