

WHERE IS THE DOG?

Very amusing was the police court case of Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. J. Bamford, Peter St., was charged with the "theft of one dog, the property of J. Bernesi." Bernesi is the Italian butcher in "Italy." Neither defendant or complainant were able to tell the court what the breed of the dog was or how much it was worth, except possibly that Mrs. Bamford was positive that it was "only a mongrel." Bernesi told his story to the court. He lost the dog on the 24th of September last, and the other day while passing the Bamford home spied the dog. He took the dog and tied him to his delivery rig. Mrs. Bamford followed him and took the dog from the rig. A summons followed, Mrs. Bamford said that the dog had been given to her husband by a man and she had fed it for some time. She did not consider that Bernesi had any right to remove the dog from her door, and while admitting taking the dog from the rig, she denied that the dog was tied, as Bernesi alleged. This was the point in dispute. When it comes to wordy combat the average Italian can generally hold his own, but with Mrs. Bamford, Bernesi had no chance — no chance whatever. After several attempts

DOG CAN'T BE FOUND.

The charge against Mrs. Bamford, that of stealing the dog of J. Bernesi, butcher, came up again in Thursday's police court, having been previously laid over. Mr. Bernesi produced a witness, in the person of Butcher Wilson's delivery boy, to prove that Mrs. Bamford had really taken the dog from Bernesi's rig, although witness could not swear that the dog was tied to the rig. Mrs. Bamford, as on the previous occasion, again failed to produce the dog, saying that it had disappeared last Sunday and nothing had been heard of it since. By way of explanation it should be said Mrs. Bamford really thought the dog belonged to her, as it had been given to her husband and she had fed it for several months. Bernesi removed the dog from the Bamford doorstep, and his action was upheld by Magistrate Stoddart, who said that the man had a right to remove his own property from any where. A finding of suspended sentence, on payment of costs, was registered, the affair costing Mrs. Bamford the sum of \$7.75.