

WOMEN AT VARIANCE

UNCOMPLIMENTARY WORDS

A NONSUIT ORDERED.

At the Local Court yesterday (before Mr. J. G. Russell, S.M., and Messrs. W. Blake and J. Hennessy) Annie Florence Campbell, of Tailem Bend, sued Violet Wiseman, of Military road, Semaphore, for £49 19/ for having in November last falsely and maliciously printed and published concerning the plaintiff the following:—"No wonder your husband refused to keep them (the plaintiff's children). I know more than you think. No wonder your husband says 'your children,' when they belong to another." It was alleged that the words were written and sent by the defendant to the plaintiff on the back of a photograph. The defendant, who was represented by Mr. G. Dempster, pleaded not guilty, and said that the plaintiff's husband (who was with the expeditionary forces) informed the military authorities that his wife said the children did not belong to him, and he was not going to keep them. The defendant believed that to be true when she wrote the libel complained of. The defendant counterclaimed £19 19/ for that the plaintiff in November falsely and maliciously spoke and published of the defendant the following:—"What do you think Mrs. Wiseman goes out every night for?" The plaintiff said:—"I know sue (the defendant) goes out with men to get money, because she would not be able to do it on her husband's pay." Mr. Eric Millhouse appeared for the plaintiff.

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After hearing considerable evidence the plaintiff was nonsuited on the claim and the defendant on the counterclaim. Both parties were ordered to pay their own costs.