

DAVID AND THE HARP.

A rather unusual stealing charge was heard at the Paddington Police Court last Tuesday, before Mr. Jennings, S.M., when David Borszcer was accused of stealing from Mrs. Stella May Kratzing, a Grecian harp, valued at £25.

It was a peculiar case. Borszcer, a foreigner, and a musician by profession, had, it was stated, been commissioned by Mrs. Kratzing to sell the instrument, either privately or by auction. She placed a reserve of £25 on it. Borszcer failed to get rid of the instrument in either way. He allegedly pawned it instead, and got £3 on it. This money he stated was paid over on the day of his arrest.

Mr. Spear, who appeared for the accused, at the conclusion of the evidence, submitted to Mr. Jennings that there was no case against Borszcer, he had merely pawned the harp for safety's sake, being afraid to leave so valuable an article at his place of abode.

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tion room just as safe as a pawnshop "

Mr. Spear replied that he was quite
serious about the matter and sat down.

Borszcer was committed for trial at
the Quarter Session on July 3. Bail was
allowed.
