

Trent, who was represented by his wife, was charged by Police-constable Stanley with being drunk and using obscene language. Witness saw him pick up several stones, and heard him say he would dash somebody's brains out. His mother persuaded him to go home. Fined 10s. and costs, 9s. 6d., there being a previous conviction against him.—John William Morton was also convicted with being drunk and disorderly at Aston on the 14th inst. Defendant was found asleep in the hedge-bottom, and a scythe lying close beside him. He became abusive, and was arrested. Fined 5s. and costs, 9s. 6d.

**BREASTON.—ALLEGED OBSTRUCTION.**—Henry Wood, Henry Wallis, Oliver Birkenhead, Samuel Grundy, Albert Shaw, William Shaw, John Kent, and John Plackett were severally charged by Police-constable Nicklin with loitering upon a bridge over which the footpath crosses, to the annoyance and obstruction of passengers, on the 13th inst.—Mr. Stroud, of Nottingham, appeared for the defence.—The constable stated that the defendants were loitering about on the bridge for a quarter-of-an-hour, from half-past ten to a quarter to eleven, but they were not altogether at first. They went away when he told them.—Mr. Chappell, farmer, said he passed over during the time, but he was not inconvenienced in the least, and said there was no obstruction.—The Bench did not consider the obstruction fully proved, and having cautioned the defendants, discharged them.

**TAKING PARTRIDGES.**—Alfred Boyle and Thomas Neale, of Nottingham, were charged with unlawfully taking partridges between the 1st Feb. and the 1st September.—James Limmidge said on the 15th July, at about 10 o'clock, he saw the two defendants trespassing in pursuit of game at Hopwell, in the parish of Risley, on land of Mr. Garrad. He saw the defendants pick up six young partridges, and place them in their pockets. Being strangers to him, he handed the defendants over to the policeman. On asking them if they knew what they were, one of the defendants replied that they were either partridges or pheasants.—Fined 2s. 6d. for each bird and costs, or 14 days in default.

James Davis was charged with being drunk and riotous at Spondon, on the 12th July.—Police-constable 63 said that the defendant knocked another man down because he told him to get out of the way of the police.—Fined 5s. and costs.

**SECOND COURT.**

[Before the Hon. W. M. JERVIS.]

Francis Kinsey failed to appear to a summons charging him with being drunk at Littleover, on the 15th. It was stated that this young man who has been repeatedly at this Court, was a perfect nuisance to the neighbourhood by his conduct. Fined 10s. and costs.

**STRAYING HORSES.**—Charles Brewer was charged with allowing a horse to stray on the highway at Littleover, on the 11th inst. Police-constable Etherington proved this and the previous case. Fined 5s. and costs.—Frederick Parker was also charged with allowing a horse to stray at Littleover, on the 14th. Fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

John Wells was charged with being drunk at Shardlow, on the 15th inst. Police-constable Stanley found the man sitting on the door-step of the Dog and Duck, at Shardlow; he would not go away. Fined 5s. and costs.

**DERBY BOROUGH POLICE COURT.**

**WEDNESDAY.**

[Before J. BAILEY (Chairman), J. TURNER, R. A. R. JONES, and H. H. BEMROSE, Esqrs.]

**A DISORDERLY PROSTITUTE.**—Mary Wheatcroft was charged with being a disorderly prostitute.—Police-constable Solomon said he heard a disturbance in St. Peter's-street on the previous night; the prisoner was in the centre of a crowd, and she was striking at them "right and left."—Superintendent McTernau said he had known the prisoner for some time as a prostitute. The prisoner was fined for drunkenness in March, 1873.—Fourteen days' hard labour.

**STEALING A WATCH.**—James Brannan and Joseph Lovatt were charged with stealing a watch, value 2l. 10s., the property of Thomas Poyser.—Detective-Inspector Spibey said that on Tuesday afternoon prosecutor, who was under the influence of drink, went to the office and complained of having been robbed of his watch. Witness afterwards made enquiries, and on finding a man named Horsley offering the watch for sale to Mr. Allsop, general dealer, Morledge, enquired where he had had it from. He said that he had received it from Brannan, and they accordingly went to Brannan, who was standing on the bridge. He, however, denied having given the watch to Horsley, who he said had received it from Lovatt. Witness afterwards arrested Lovatt at the Bird public-house, Willow-row, but he made no reply to the charge. At the lock-up Horsley said he was not sure which of the men handed the watch to him. Brannan then told witness he ought to have the other man, but Lovatt replied, "Say nothing about it."—Charles North, who lives in a van in the Morledge, said that on Tuesday he saw the prisoner and another man with the prosecutor, and suspecting that they meant to rob Poyser, he followed them through the Cattle Market and into the first field beyond. The prisoners pulled off their coats and pretended to fight, after which they threw stones at witness because he was following them.—The Magistrates remanded the prisoners until Friday.

**TRAVELLING WITHOUT TICKETS.**—Frederick Stafford was charged with travelling from Liverpool to Derby without paying his fare, and with intent to defraud, on the 1st July.—Mr. Hodgkinson (from the office of Messrs. Beale, Marigold, and Beale) appeared to conduct the case. He called Frederick R. Affleck, who said on the 30th June he booked the passengers from Liverpool southwards by the 10.40 train p.m. There was only one passenger for Derby.—George Winston, a porter, said he collected the tickets of this train at Derby on the morning of the 1st July; he took one ticket from a lady, and he saw the prisoner, who, on being challenged, said witness had seen his ticket. Afterwards he said he could not find his ticket. He said he came from Liverpool.—John Measures, Inspector at Derby Station, said the defendant was brought to him on the morning of the 1st July. Being not satisfied with his answers, witness telegraphed to Liverpool, but finding that the booking clerk at that station had gone home, he allowed the defendant to go home (Thorntree-lane) on giving his address.—Fined 10s. and costs, or 14 days' hard labour.

Joseph Pipes, cab driver, was charged by Detective Hole, that he, being the driver of a cab at the Midland Railway Station, refused to obey the lawful orders of the company's servants.—Mr. Hodgkinson (Beale, Marigold, and Beale) appeared for the company, and read the bye-law under which the case had been taken, and which stated that every driver or conductor of an omnibus, cab, carriage, or other omnibus or vehicle should, while upon any station yard or other premises of the company, obey the reasonable orders of the company's officers and servants duly authorized in that behalf, and every person offending should be liable to a penalty not exceeding 40s.—Edward Fitton, hall policeman, said he was on duty on the 8th July. About 10.30 p.m. he saw the defendant drive his four-wheel cab up to the covered portion. He then got off his cab, and came to the steps in the hall, and asked a woman whether she wanted a cab. On witness speaking to him, the defendant told him to trouble his head with his own business. On speaking to him the second time the defendant told him to go to—, and used other disgusting language. He called Inspector Aldred to the defendant, and the Inspector directed him to call a borough policeman.—Mr. Aldred, the Platform Inspector, said he saw the defendant on the platform, under the clock. Fitton said the defendant had been soliciting fares, and he now ordered him to leave. Defendant said he had been waiting for the Belper train, which had been in some time. The defendant was very noisy, and would not go away, although he went outside the covered entrance. The defendant would not go away till the borough policeman arrived.—Fined 5s. and costs, or seven days' imprisonment.

**THURSDAY.**

[Before J. BAILEY (Chairman), J. TURNER, R. A. R. JONES, J. JOHNSON, Esqrs., and Dr. GIBBORNE.]

**ASSAULTING A BAILIFF.**—Thomas Irons, of Moore-street, Normanton-road, was summoned for having assaulted John Land, a bailiff in the employ of the High Sheriff of Derbyshire.—The officer went to the house of defendant on Tuesday to serve an execution warrant upon him. He resisted, and pushed complainant very roughly down the steps.—Mr. Stone, from the office of Mr. Hextall, applied that the case might be withdrawn.—Mr. Bailey said if this case were allowed to be withdrawn, it might be establishing a bad precedent, and others would expect the same treatment at the hands of the magistrates. Public officers in the execution of their duty must be protected.—The defendant offered a public apology, saying it was done on the spur of the moment.—The magistrates said very serious things were sometimes done in a moment, but as the assault was not of a serious nature they would allow it to be withdrawn.

**AN UNGRATEFUL FELLOW.**—Joseph Wilkins, a boatman, was charged with assaulting Police-sergeant Waldron, on the 21st July.—The sergeant stated that about a quarter past eleven on the evening of the 21st July, he was on duty in Bridge-gate, when he received information of a fire, which he found to be at the defendant's house in Court No. 3. He went there, and met the wife of defendant coming away with a child in her arms, which she said was burnt. When the constable got to the steps leading to the house the defendant stood on the landing. He (Waldron) had his light turned on. Defendant shouted that he did not want him there, and that he had better put that light out. He had a bucket containing a quantity of water, and when the sergeant went in he threw it over him. Witness stayed about a quarter of an hour, and assisted to put out the fire, having found that the mattress was burning. During the whole time defendant continued threatening and using filthy language towards him.—Mr. Waldron: Did he strike you?—Witness: No; he only threw the water over me, and used bad language.—Mr. Bailey: And he did that after you thought to put out the fire in his own house? I suppose he thought he had a right to do as he liked in his own house even in such an emergency. Was he sober?—Witness: He was.—Defendant would not give any account of how the bed took fire, but offered as an excuse that he was throwing the water on the bed, and it accidentally went over the officer.—Waldron said the man turned round and threw it at him.—The Magistrates considered that he had been very ungrateful, and he would be fined 40s. and costs, the total amounting to 47s. 6d., or one month's hard labour.

**THEFT OF A BRIDLE.**—Joseph Sullivan, 34 years of age, was brought up in custody charged with stealing a bridle, of the value of 5s., the property of Frederick Murfin, hawker, of Horsley Woodhouse, from the stables of John Fearn, the Shakespear Inn, Bold-lane, on January 17th last.—The prosecutor said he came to Derby on the above date, and brought with him a pony which had the bridle produced on it. He put it up at the Shakespear, and left it and the bridle in charge of prisoner, who was then engaged as hostler. When John Lee, a young man employed at the Canal Wharf, went to fetch it on the day named, the prisoner was not there, and he was not allowed to take it away. He went again on the Monday following, when the prisoner gave it to him with an halter, saying there was nothing more belonging to the pony. Prosecutor had since seen the bridle on a stall belonging to William Keeling, in the Morledge, and identified it by the straps being rivetted. He saw Sullivan directly after, who pretended not to know anything about it. The police were informed, but prisoner absconded, and he had only just been apprehended by the Derby authorities on the charge. He was received into custody from the Nottingham police, when he said he had bought the bridle, but afterwards admitted he had taken it, and should have to suffer for it. Prosecutor owed him 9d., and that was the reason he took it.—Prisoner now pleaded guilty, and expressed sorrow, saying he had never stolen anything before. He called Mr. Fearn, landlord of the Shakespear Inn, to give him a character; but after being sworn, Mr. Fearn said the prisoner had lived next door to him for two or three years, but he could not say anything in his favour.—Mr. Bailey: But do you know anything about his being dishonest before?—Witness said he did not.—There were two previous convictions for drunkenness, and he was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

**DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.**—Emma McLoughlin was charged with being drunk and behaving disorderly in Willow-row. She was very drunk, and a police-constable told her she should have to lock her up. She is the keeper of a disreputable house in that thoroughfare.—Sentenced to one month's imprisonment, with hard labour.—When prisoner was leaving the dock she turned and told the police they knew nothing about it, but that they liked to hear one another speak.

**ASSAULTING A WATCHMAN.**—Ephraim Clark, of Cockpitt-hill, was summoned for assaulting Wm. Hagan, on Friday, the 18th July.—Prosecutor said he was employed by Mr. Bridgart, the contractor for the new Corporation stables in Bold-lane, and was engaged on the night of the day named as watchman. About twenty-five minutes to ten he saw the defendant on the premises, and asked him what he was doing there, as he had no business to be where he was. Instead of giving a proper answer, he used bad language. Prosecutor said he would send for a policeman, but defendant said he did not care for a policeman, and added, "If you do not go away I will hit you in the mouth." He immediately lifted up his fist, and put the threat into execution. When witness returned with the police, Clark had gone

away.—There were two previous convictions, and he was now sent to gaol for one calendar month, with hard labour.

**FRIDAY.**

[Before J. BAILEY, J. TURNER, G. HORNE, and R. A. R. JONES, Esqrs.]

Francis Sliam was charged with being drunk in Hazel-dine's lane, at a quarter-past eleven last night.—The prisoner has been to this Court twice before for drunkenness.—Fined 5s. and costs.

James Wilson was charged with being drunk in Hulland-street, and fined 5s. and costs.

**JACK ASHORE.**—Mary Ann Ashley was charged with stealing a ring, the property of Thomas Poyser, in the Cattle Market. Police-constable Clay said he heard of the girl being under the Market Hall, and that she had been accused of stealing a ring. He went to her and questioned her, when she admitted taking the ring, and giving it to a private of the 95th Regiment. She had been enticed to do so by two other girls. The prosecutor is the same man who lost his watch on the same day, Tuesday. Remanded till Monday.—James Brannan and Joseph Lovatt were then charged with stealing a watch, the property of the same man, Thomas Poyser. The prosecutor said he was a seaman, and was staying with his sister at Long Eaton. On Tuesday last he came to Derby, and reached the town at eleven o'clock. He was wearing his watch attached to a thin black card. He did not recollect meeting the prisoners, but he remembered having his watch between three and four o'clock in the afternoon. He identified the watch produced as his property.—Wm. Needham, the landlord of the Alexandra Vaults, said the prosecutor and the prisoners came into the vaults on the Tuesday afternoon. The prisoner Lovatt and the prosecutor were lagging over a penny which Lovatt said Poyser had not paid him for blacking his boots. At last Poyser pulled out his watch and all the other contents of his pocket and wanted witness to advance money on them. He refused, and ejected him twice. Poyser wanted to fight Lovatt, and took his coat off. Police-constable Jephson proved seeing the prisoner Lovatt and Poyser together, the latter being drunk and the other sober.—Charles North repeated the evidence he gave on Wednesday, and Rosanna Oxley, a young woman, was also called. She said that she saw the man Poyser in the Meadows. Brannan said "There's a bloke there with some quids on him." Witness replied that there were not many "quids" left if he (Brannan) had been there.—Wm. Horsley proved that the prisoners asked him to pledge or sell the watch.—Inspector Spibey said he was in Mr. Allsopp's shop, in the Morledge, at the same time as the last witness. From what he was told, he went to a wall in the Morledge, where he found Brannan. Horsley told him it was he who gave him the watch to pledge, and witness charged him with stealing it from a man in the Meadows. He denied that he took it, and said it was "Hoppy," the other prisoner. Subsequently witness apprehended Lovatt in the Bird public-house. He made no reply on being charged with stealing the watch. The prisoners were formally charged with the offence; Brannan made no reply, and Lovatt proceeded to give the Bench a short history of his life, but was stepped short by Mr. Bailey.—The prisoners were ordered to take their trial at the ensuing Assizes.

Rosanna Pearson was charged with using obscene language in Mansfield-road, on the 19th July, to the annoyance of Charles Kidger.—The case was dismissed.

**SATURDAY.**

[Before J. BAILEY (Chairman), J. TURNER, and R. A. R. JONES, Esqrs.]

John Datson, was charged with being drunk in Babington-lane, and was fined 5s. and costs.—Henry Bancroft charged with being drunk in Curzon-street, was fined 10s. and costs, he having been previously convicted.

**ASSAULT.**—John Flinn was charged with being drunk and also with assaulting Thomas Doulan, a young man, who assisted the police, in bringing the prisoner from Walker-lane. Fined 5s. and costs, or 7 days' hard labour, for the drunkenness, and 20s. and costs for the assault, or 11 days' hard labour. The Bench also thanked Doulan for the way in which he had come forward to assist the police officer.

George Alford was charged with bigamy, and was sent to prison for seven days.

**A FLOWER STEALER.**—Jane Turner, a respectable-looking little girl of 13, was charged with stealing eight roses from the garden of Jane Mosley, Pear Tree.—Police-constable Ashton said on Friday night he went to the garden of Mrs. Walters, of Rutland-street, Pear Tree, but nothing resulted. Early that morning he watched the garden of Mrs. Mosley, and soon after six o'clock the prisoner came to the garden, walked in, and commenced picking roses. The girl seemed to have been stealing roses several days together. Her parents have given her a very good character, and they were greatly distressed at her conduct.—The Bench inflicted a fine of 2s. 6d. and costs.

**"JACK ASHORE."**—Mary Ann Ashley was charged with stealing a gold ring from the person of Thomas Poyser on the 22nd July.—The prosecutor said on the day named he was in Derby, and was wearing the ring in question on the little finger of the left hand. He missed it about five or six o'clock in the afternoon.—Bernard Whiskey, a private of the 95th Regiment, said he met the prisoner in a public-house, and she gave him the ring produced.—Police-constable Clay arrested the prisoner, who told him that several women tried to get the ring off the man's finger, and then she tried and succeeded.—The Bench sent the girl to gaol for 14 days' hard labour.

**MONDAY.**

[Before J. BAILEY, J. TURNER, J. SMITH, and R. A. R. JONES, Esqrs.]

**DRUNKENNESS.**—Wm. Conolly was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the Nottingham-road, at a quarter-past twelve on Monday morning. He said he had been working at Chaddesden, and had had a drop of beer. Discharged.—Thomas Fearn was charged with a similar offence at a quarter past seven last night, on E. Weston-road. Police-constable Orchard proved the case. Fined 10s. and costs, or 14 days.—Bernard Flaherty, harvestman, was charged with being drunk in Queen-street, at a quarter past three, on Sunday afternoon. Police-sergeant Edward Robinson said there was a great disturbance in Queen-street, a number of men were fighting among one another, and the prisoner, who had a very bad black eye, appeared to have had the worst of it. Fined 10s. and costs, or 14 days' hard labour.—John Conlan was charged with being drunk on Sadler-gate Bridge, at eleven o'clock on Saturday night. Police-constable Solomon proved the case. Fined 10s. and costs, or 14 days' hard labour.

**THE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.**—Rose Dakin was brought up on remand, charged with attempting to commit suicide.—She expressed her contrition for the act, and the Magistrate, after advising her to abstain from drinking and taking opium, allowed her to go home.

**ALLEGED ROBBERY.**—William Land was charged with stealing a silver watch, the property of Thomas Poyser.—Superintendent McTernau said he was a companion of the two men (Lovatt and Brannan) who were convicted a few days ago of stealing a watch, but they had no proof that he was directly concerned with the other prisoners in the robbery.—The Magistrates discharged him.

**THE THEFT OF A PONY AND CART.**—John Hall was brought up on a warrant, charged with stealing a pony, set of harness, and trap, of the value of 30l., the property of Mr. J. Rushton, Colyerey-street, Derby, on the 22nd day of August last.—Mr. Edward Mann, of Park-street, Nottingham, said he knew the prisoner, who came to his stables with the pony, and wanted to enter it in the monthly periodical sales which witness held. He was too late to enter it, and he then asked witness if he would lend him some money on it until the sale. He went away, and brought another man to look at the pony, but could not then agree on a price. He also said he had a cart and a set of harness to dispose of. He brought the harness first, and witness gave him 20s. for it. He said he would not dispose of the cart, as it "would not eat anything," and perhaps trade would improve, and he could get a better horse for it. Witness afterwards advanced 2l. on the horse. He saw the prisoner the week following in the Market-place, Nottingham, and in consequence of communications from the Derby and Nottingham detectives, he pointed out the man to the Nottingham police. He handed the property over to Detective Spibey, of Derby. Prisoner gave the name of Allbrook, Arkwright-street, Nottingham, and referred witness to Dr. Taylor, a Nottingham magistrate, for character.—Detective-Inspector Spibey said he apprehended the prisoner on the charge on the 26th of this month as he came out of Lincoln prison. He said, "I expected you. I shall give you no trouble; I shall plead guilty."—After a witness named Wood, from Leicester, and Mr. Rushton, the prosecutor, had given evidence, the prisoner was committed for trial at the ensuing Assizes.

**MILITIA OFFICERS AND THEIR "LARKS."**

A case which excited great interest was heard at the Lancaster Police Court, on Thursday. Three young officers of the 1st Royal Lancashire Militia, namely, Captain C. H. Walmesley, Lieut. H. B. Lutwyche, and Lieut. O. Z. Palmer, were charged with wilfully damaging three doors and a carpet in the house of Mrs. M. Rideout, at Lancaster. The evidence went to show that there had been some practical joking between the defendants and Captain W. C. Yates and Lieut. Rooke, of the same regiment, and that the two latter, who lodged at Mr. Rideout's, were apprehensive of the defendants getting into their rooms at night. By way of securing warning of the approach of intruders, wires had been attached to the back part of Mrs. Rideout's house in such a fashion that if anyone touched them a bell would be set ringing in Captain Yates's bedroom. As an additional "fortification" a large flour dredge, containing about a pint of pepper, was kept in the room ready to be thrown in the eyes of anyone who dared to enter, and according to the advocate for the defendants, bags of flour and soot were also in store for any emergencies. A sort of challenge was made to the defendants that they dare not enter Captain Yates and Lieutenant Rooke's rooms. On Friday afternoon last, after the inspection of the regiment, the defendants went to Mrs. Rideout's house, walked deliberately in, and first endeavoured to get into Captain Yates's rooms, out of which they told her they wanted some polo sticks, but were informed that there were none there. They thereupon said, "We must be in," and upon Mrs. Rideout informing them that Captain Yates's door was locked, and that he had taken the key, Captain Walmesley proceeded to burst open the door. Upon her threatening to give them in charge as "burglars," they said she could not, as it was in the daytime, and that they knew she was a party to the "plot," which she denied. Upon getting inside, the pepper-box was seized by one of them and its contents scattered about Captain Yates's clothes and the carpet on the floor. They then proceeded to Lieutenant Rooke's room, broke the door off its hinges, and scattered his clothes about. In the meantime a bell rang at the front door, but Mrs. Rideout was prevented from answering it by Lieut. Palmer standing in the staircase. They next visited the drawing-room occupied by the two officers in question, and also damaged the door; but as Mrs. Rideout told them it would be at their peril if they touched anything there, they eventually left the house. The damage was estimated at 3l. 5s. by a cabinet maker.—The defence was that whilst it was a very silly and wanton act on the part of defendants, it would never have been committed if the wires and bell apparatus had not been applied to the rooms; that no injury was ever intended to Mrs. Rideout, to whom they had offered an ample apology, and to pay the damage, as well as to give a reasonable amount to a charity to settle it.—The Bench considered that a grievous offence had been committed, and ordered Capt. Walmesley, whom they regarded as the ringleader, to pay 5l. 0s. 10d., including a share of the damage and costs, and the other two officers, 3l. 0s. 10d. each; total, 11l. 2s. 6d. The joint fine was 5l., of which Capt. Walmesley had to pay 3l.

**THE RICHMOND MURDER.**

**SUPPOSED DISCOVERY OF THE HEAD OF MRS. THOMAS.**

The head of a woman has been dug up out of the sand on the banks of the Thames between Hammersmith and Barce. The head is much decomposed, and almost unrecognisable. It has been seen by the police authorities, and also by the Richmond dentist who supplied the late Mrs. Thomas with a palate and set of false teeth. The opinion of the police is that it is undoubtedly the head of Mrs. Thomas, but no positive conclusion can be arrived at without minute examination and further official inquiry. As the place where it was picked up corresponds in great measure with one of the convict Webster's last statements, that she went down by the waterside with the head, inquiries are being made for the purpose of endeavouring to ascertain whether she was seen going in that direction on the night of the 4th March, after she left the Porters in the Bridge House Hotel.

**FOOD ADULTERATION.**—Dr. Tripe, public analyst of the Hackney district, reports, "that all the samples of cocoa he examined, except one, were sold as mixtures of cocoa, arrowroot, and sugar, the exception being Cadbury's Cocoa Especiee, which was genuine. The quantity of starch in the other samples varied between 67 and 80 per cent., so that allowing for sugar, there was not in some of them more than 10 per cent. of cocoa. An article like this was comparatively valueless as food."—[Advt.]