

**DERBY COUNTY POLICE COURT, FRIDAY.**

[Before Colonel MOSLEY (Chairman), W. T. COX, Esq., the Hon. W. M. JERVIS, W. J. SMITH, Esq., G. F. MEYNELL, Esq., and E. SUTTON, Esq.]

**ASKING FOR HOT WATER AND GETTING INTO IT.**—John Atkins was charged with vagrancy at Litchurch. It appeared that the prisoner had gone to several houses and asked for hot water to make his tea with, and on this being refused he became abusive. He had only just come out of the work-house.—Fourteen days' imprisonment.

Thomas Whittingham juv., was charged on summons with doing damage to an underwood, belonging to W. Mundy, Esq., at Langley. The defendant, it was alleged, was cutting sticks in the wood.—Mr. Hextall appeared for the defendant, and called witnesses to prove an *alibi*, Thos. Whittingham, sen., Wm. Bull, and Wm. Dudley, and the Bench gave the defendant the benefit of the doubt and dismissed it.

**A ROW AT ALVASTON.**—Frederick Meakin, Daniel Sherwin, and John Shepherd, were charged on summons with unlawfully assaulting and beating Samuel Colling, at Alvastou, on the 28th of November.—Colling said on the 18th inst., at ten o'clock at night, he was sitting in his own house; his wife was just about closing the door when Meakin placed his foot in the door, and said "I've come for that — tea kettle and I'll have it if I stop here all night." Witness went to the door, which his wife was still holding, when Meakin struck at him through the door. Witness struck back again; Meakin then said "Let him come out. I've got three or four mates outside who will kill the —." He then wrenched the door out of his wife's hands, and said "Come on you —." The three defendants then came into the house and ill-used him: Shepherd held him whilst Meakin thumped him, whilst Sherwin thumped another young man who was lying on the sofa. The rings produced were found on the floor the next morning. (The rings were "washers" but they might well be used as "knuckle-dusters.")—Cross-examined by Mr. Hextall: Mr. Dakin and Mr. Locker put the men out. Had struck Meakin previously in the evening at "The Navigation." There witness was shoved on to the table, and some things were broken. Did not have his coat off, fighting. A man named Barlow did not pull him off Meakin and put him out of the house. The kettle in question had been lent to them some months before and that morning Meakin had asked him for it, and witness replied "I'll send it home when I've done with it." Knew a man named Dolman, who was in "The Navigation;" would swear that Shepherd came in; did not break Sherwin's head. There was a row in "The Navigation" about a young woman; he had taken a letter to the shops at the Station and shown it, which this young woman had received from Meakin; the letter in question had been shown to witness's wife. Witness admitted taking a poker to the door when the men came. Did not say "I'll give you the — kettle."—By the Bench: The blows he received were more like cuts.—Millicent Colling, complainant's wife, said she was going out of Mrs. Dakin's into her own house, when Meakin placed his foot between the door and the step. Witness then corroborated all the facts which had been stated by her husband, and said that two of the men had the "washers" on their fingers.—Cross-examined: The men took the kettle out with them; she missed the kettle the next morning; they also took the lamp out to look for Sherwin's hat. Mackenzie was the man on the sofa asleep; they could not awaken him; he was not quite sober.—Thomas Dakin, who lives next door to Colling, witnesses named Locker, Thomas Simeon Smith, and Ann Dakin, also gave evidence. The latter witness said the occurrence did not seem to her like "civilization" and especially after what Shepherd had been—a policeman.—Mr. Herbert Topham said he was called by the village policeman to look at Colling, who was suffering from incised wounds: he dressed his wounds; the injuries could not have been produced by the fist alone.—For the defence, Joseph Dolman narrated the matters which led up to the affair. There was a row at "The Navigation" about a girl named "Sarah," and ultimately jugs and glasses were broken. Finally the row changed from the young woman to the kettle, and finally Colling told Meakin to call and take the — kettle with him as he went home. When they went up to the door Colling struck the first blow. Did not see anything of the "washers." No one laid hands on Colling except Meakin, and Meakin did not do so until he had been struck by Colling.—Defendants were fined 10s. and costs each—14. 10s. 10d. each.—A further summons against Meakin for assaulting Mrs. Colling was settled on payment of costs.

Aaron Ragg was charged by John Haywood with violently assaulting him at Litchurch, on the 16th and 18th of Nov.—Mr. Briggs appeared for the defendant.—The complainant said the defendant, who worked with him at Messrs. Eastwood and Swingers, complained of his furnace not being hot enough, and struck him twice with his fist. This was on the 16th; and on the 18th defendant sent for him to make it up; complainant declined, when defendant struck him and kicked him, causing injuries from which he was still suffering.—For the defence, Wm. Tindall and Jeremiah Ratcliff were called, after which the Bench decided to fine defendant 10s. and costs in each case.

**IMPUDENT ROBBERY.**—Joseph Johnson and Joseph Jackson, tramps, were charged with stealing three fowls, a pigeon, and a bag, the property of Henry Spendlove, farmer, at Risley, on the 20th of November; also a duck, the property of Henry Martin, at the same time and place.—Mr. Spendlove was driving home from Nottingham market, in company with his daughter, when he saw the two men come out of his barn. He hastened to get out of his cart and intercepted the men at twenty yards from the barn when one of them let go two live fowls. Mr. Spendlove collared Johnson and asked him what he was doing, and immediately a live duck dropped from one of the men, and out of Johnson's trousers there dropped a dead pigeon. Witness then caught hold of the other man with his other hand. The men were not very rough, "and" said Mr. Spendlove, "I was as rough as they were." The men were taken to the Fyftche's Arms, and there handed over to the custody of Police-constable Nickling.—They now pleaded guilty, and were sentenced to two months' imprisonment each.

**CRUELTY TO A KITTEN.**—George Parker was summoned by Edward Burridge for ill-treating a kitten at Long Eaton, on Oct. 30.—The officer of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, stated that defendant deliberately picked up a kitten which was playing in a yard and threw it high in the air, dislocating one of its legs in the fall. The animal (which it was said endured much suffering) was produced in Court, but appeared to have recovered itself.—Fined 6d. and 14s. 6d. costs.

Herbert Grocock and John Jones were charged by Police-constable Peberdy with drunkenness at Long Eaton, on Nov. 13.—Fined 5s. and costs each.

John Pitt, for wheeling a handcart on the pavement, at Alvastou, on Nov. 18th, was fined 6d. and 10s. 6d. costs.

**GAME TRESPASS.**—Thomas Waite and Robert Winfield (the former of whom did not appear), were summoned for trespassing in pursuit of game on Richard Spencer's land at Ockbrook, on the 11th inst.—The case was clearly proved.—Waite not appearing, and having been previously convicted, was fined 20s. and 13s. costs. The other defendant, who admitted the charge, 5s. and 13s. costs.

**DERBY BOROUGH POLICE COURT.**

**TUESDAY.**

[Before the MAYOR, the Ex-MAYOR, and J. BAILEY, Esq.]

William Radford was charged by Police-constable Wallis with being drunk in Iron-gate, on the evening previous.—Inspector Fearn said there had been six previous convictions.—Fined 5s. and costs.

John Barker was charged by Police-constable Luke Waldron with being drunk and guilty of disorderly behaviour in Waterloo-street at a quarter-past eleven o'clock on Monday evening. Prisoner denied that he was drunk, but Waldron was corroborated by Police-constable Barker.—Peter Woodhall, of Burton-road, also proved that prisoner was drunk.—Inspector Fearn said there had been four previous convictions.—Fined 10s. and costs; in default he was committed for 14 days' imprisonment, with hard labour.

**WEDNESDAY.**

[Before the MAYOR, G. HOLME, Esq., J. BAILEY, Esq., and W. BODEN, Esq.]

**HEAVY PENALTIES ON MANUFACTURERS.**

William Dyer, trimming manufacturer, was summoned by the Sub-Inspector of Factories for employing six young persons after the hour of six o'clock on the 14th of November.—Defendant admitted the charges, and said he had not acted through ignorance, but it was very necessary when they did receive an order to proceed with it immediately for fear it should be countermanded.—Fined 3l. in each case, and costs—19l. 19s.

George Wigley, one of the firm of Thompson and Wigley, Derby and Nottingham, was charged by the Sub-Inspector with employing three young women after hours, on the 14th of October.—Fined 2l. in each case, and costs—6l. 19s. 6d.

Thomas Smith, trimming manufacturer, was charged with employing three young persons after hours, up to ten minutes to nine o'clock.—Fined 2l. in each case, and costs—6l. 19s. 6d.; the smallest penalty.

James Hilton was charged with assaulting James Barnes, in Victoria-street, but discharged.

James Barnes and William Whitaker were charged with being drunk, but were discharged.

**STEALING LACON.**—Henry Wheatcroft was charged with stealing 11b. 14oz. of bacon, the property of Wm. Fowke, the keeper of a stall in the Market Hall, on the 23rd November.—Mr. Jones, butcher, whilst in Mr. Leech's shop in the Market Hall, saw the prisoner loitering about, and then saw him bend over the stall and take up a piece of bacon which he made off with. He then told Mr. Fowke.—Prisoner: Another young man took the bacon, and when he saw some one coming he gave it to me and shot round the corner.—Francis Wm. Fowke, the owner of the bacon, said he caught hold of the prisoner and told him that he had stolen his bacon. Prisoner said "You've got to prove that I stole it; I bought it." Witness saw Police-constable Webster take the bacon from the prisoner.—Fourteen days' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Patrick Jennings, who did not appear, was charged with assaulting Mary Burke, on the 14th of November, in Walker-lane.—Fined 5s. and costs.

Alfred Ironmonger *alias* Brown, was charged with using obscene language on the 20th inst., to the especial annoyance of Mary Spencer, of Thourtee-lane.—Prisoner has been before convicted of this offence.—Fined 20s. and costs, or one month's imprisonment, with hard labour.

**THURSDAY.**

[Before W. T. COX, Esq., and J. JOBSON, Esq.]

Ann Armon, a middle-aged woman, living at Measham, was charged by Detective-Sergeant Vessey with being drunk in Friar-gate, on the afternoon previous.—Prisoner, who it appears is not usually addicted to habits of intemperance, was discharged.

**FRIDAY.**

[Before the MAYOR, the Ex-MAYOR, Sir HENRY WILMOT, Bart., M.P., J. BAILEY, Esq., and W. BODEN, Esq.]

William Brown was fined 10s. and costs, for being drunk in Vernon-street, this being his second offence.

**STEALING IRON.**—Wm. Henry Roberts, was charged on remand with stealing 38lbs. of iron, the property of Messrs. Wells and Pool, coach builders.—Police-Sergeant Weir, it will be remembered, apprehended the prisoner whilst he was offering the iron for sale to Mr. Benton, of Bridge-gate.—Mr. Wells identified the iron as his property.—Prisoner was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment, with hard labour.

The two boys, Maize and Harrison, on remand from Monday, were brought up and discharged.

**A FOREIGNER IN TROUBLE.**—Joseph Frank, a German, was charged with unlawfully assaulting Francis Kirkland.—The complainant said she called at 30, Friar-gate, and on Tuesday evening the defendant was at the next house to hers, visiting some friends. During the night Mrs. Kirkland heard something at her door, and on going out with a candle she found the defendant behaving improperly. On her saying something to him he retorted and at length struck complainant on the hand and went into the other house.—For the defence a Mrs. Dean and her daughter were called to prove that complainant caught hold of the defendant and shook him.—The case was dismissed.

**CRUELTY TO A HORSE.**—George Webster, of Dalbury, was charged with cruelty to a horse by working it whilst in an

unfit state.—Police-constable Clarke saw the defendant on the Ashborne-road on the previous morning with three carts and four horses. One of the animals had very sore shoulders.—The defendant alleged that he had been harshly treated in being taken away bodily from his business, and so on, but Inspector M'Nernan, on being sworn, however proved that the defendant was unwilling to let them have the horse to bring to the Town Hall. The defendant was not taken into custody; he walked down to the hall, but that was at his own option; defendant evidently wanted to get the horse away and take it home.—Fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

**SATURDAY.**

[Before the MAYOR, the Ex-MAYOR, J. BAILEY, Esq., W. BODEN, Esq., F. LONGDON, Esq., and J. SMITH, Esq.]

Priscilla Coleman and Samuel Hackley were charged with drunkenness and discharged.

**AUDACIOUS ROBBERY.**—James Kelly was charged with stealing a concertina, the property of Mrs. Cash, farmer's wife, of Shuttle.—Police-constable Clay found the prisoner offering the concertina for sale to Mr. Wain, of Willow-row. Prisoner said he had bought it for 5s., and the officer asked him to show him where he had bought it.—Inspector Fearn said Mrs. Cash was waiting for the carrier on the previous afternoon, and she was trying the concertina; prisoner came up and asked to be allowed to try it, saying it was a very good one, and so saying he bolted with it.—Remanded till Tuesday.

George Gray was charged with breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Wm. Harrold, in Hope-street, and stealing therefrom a brooch, a pair of ear drops, three purses, and some chimney ornaments, the property of Mr. Harrold, and also with stealing a watch and chain; the property of Hannah Gray, prisoner's mother.—Prisoner, who had been drinking, said he had only gone into the house after his own photograph, but some of the property mentioned was found upon him.—Remanded for a week.

**MONDAY.**

[Before the MAYOR, the Ex-MAYOR, J. SMITH, Esq., J. BAILEY, Esq., T. B. FORMAN, Esq., and F. LONGDON, Esq.]

Maria Marshall was charged by Police-constable Dexter with being drunk in Walker-lane, on Saturday afternoon.—Fined 5s. and costs, or seven days.

John Fearn was charged by Inspector Hardy with being drunk in Sadler-gate, on Saturday night.—Fined 5s. and costs, or seven days.

Ellen Morris was charged by Police-constable Dexter with being drunk in Friar-gate, on Saturday evening. On asking the prisoner her name at the lockup, Inspector Fearn said she replied "Madame Rachel."—Fined 5s. and costs.

Michael Ryan was charged by Police-constable L. Waldron with being drunk on the previous night, at nine o'clock, at the top of Walker-lane.—Discharged.

Edward Turner was charged by Police-constable Kilmartin with being drunk and disorderly in Curzon-street.—Fined 10s. and costs.

Charles Britton was charged by Police-constable Turner with being drunk in the Market-place, on Saturday night.—Discharged.

Francis Turner was charged with being drunk in Victoria-street, and also with assaulting his wife.—Police-constable Turner said on Saturday afternoon he saw the prisoner strike at his wife in Gadsby's-yard, and the neighbourhood was all in an uproar. The prisoner has been before charged with drunkenness and assaulting his wife, who, it appeared, was not by any means faultless.—Fined 5s. and costs, or seven days.

**A CONFLICT OF EVIDENCE.**—John Callaghan, a man of 30 years of age, was charged with stealing an overcoat, value 14s. 6d., the property of John Butters.—Alfred Hardy said he assisted in Mr. Butters' shop in Willow-row. On Saturday, at ten minutes past nine, he saw the prisoner in the entry hanging a pair of trousers over the door; he then pulled at another pair of trousers which was hanging at the shop door; he could not get the trousers down, but he got the coat produced by breaking the tape at the collar. Prisoner saw witness watching him, so he came into the shop with the coat, and said "What do you want?" Witness said "I'm looking at you," and then prisoner asked the price of the coat. Witness told him and left the shop, when he saw the prisoner dart out into the entry with the coat. Witness accused him of it, and got him to come into the shop whilst he went for a policeman. The prisoner did not attempt to get away; witness stood by the side of him till a policeman came, but prisoner averred that he had no intention of stealing the coat. That morning they had missed a pair of trousers. The witness, who is apparently but fourteen years of age, said he bolted the shop door when the prisoner came inside.—Police-constable Wilkes, who apprehended the prisoner, said that Callaghan when charged said he had gone into the shop with the coat to ask the price; on bringing him to the lock-up it was found that he had no money upon him.—Elizabeth Reynolds, a little girl, who lives opposite Mr. Butters' shop, said she was at the door on Saturday night; she saw the prisoner come up and touch the coats which were hanging outside. Whilst doing so one of the coats came off the hook, and prisoner then asked a woman "Where's the master?" He had just said this when the witness Hardy came up and charged the prisoner with stealing the coat and also a pair of black trousers. Prisoner said he knew nothing about the trousers, but wanted to know the price of the coat. Some persons advised prisoner to throw the coat down and go away, but prisoner said he would wait for the police, and went inside the shop.—The Bench decided to remand the prisoner till Tuesday.

**ALLEGED VIOLENT ASSAULT.**—Joseph Topsis was charged on a warrant with violently assaulting Thomas Dyer, on Saturday night.—The complainant said he was a bricklayer's labourer, and had been lodging in Walker-lane. Whilst sitting on a chair by the side of the fire the prisoner and another came into the room, and the prisoner said "Here's the Irish —," and then knocked him down and kicked him, kicking five of his teeth out. They had had no previous quarrel, and he did not know what it was for. The prisoner and his companion lodged at Chambers's house, the place where complainant lodged.—Mrs. Chambers said the men had been lodging at her house; on Saturday night the complainant Dyer came to the room door and showed her that his teeth had been knocked out; he went and lay down in the kitchen. Whilst there Topsis came in and Dyer said "That's the man who did it." Subsequently the two men quarrelled and blows were struck, but this was about an hour after Dyer complained of being injured. Dyer was drunk.—James Gibson, the lander of the Hen and Chickens, said there was a quarrel at his house between Dyer and another man, and he went away at half-past eight, and came back again in an hour's time, and quarrelled with another man, named Tymau, who knocked him down.—George Hudson, another lodger at Chambers's, said that Dyer came into the house bleeding.—Prisoner was discharged.

William Shields, a rather respectable looking young man, was charged by Police-constable Kirkland with using obscene language in St. Peter's-street, on Saturday night.—Fined 10s. and costs, or 14 days' imprisonment.

James Mosedale was charged with being a deserter from the 37th Regiment of Foot.—Prisoner, who was in his uniform, said he had merely overstayed his furlough, which expired on the 11th of November.—Police-Sergeant Robinson apprehended the prisoner in a court in Walker-lane, in which there was a disturbance. Prisoner was "gazetted" as a deserter.—Ordered to be detained for an escort.

**THE CASE OF STABBING A POLICEMAN AT DERBY.**

On Saturday, before the Borough Magistrates, Thomas Chin, labourer, was charged with feloniously cutting and wounding Police-constable Frank Atkinson, of the Borough Police, and also with assaulting him whilst in the execution of his duty.—Mr. Hextall appeared for the prisoner.

Police-constable Atkinson said he was on duty between a quarter and half-past seven on the Saturday night in question when he noticed two men coming out of Stafford-street. The men were strangers, but the prisoner was one of them; prisoner's companion was using obscene language, and was very drunk. His attention was called to the bad language, which went on for about five minutes. Witness went up to the prisoner and his companion; did not hear the prisoner say anything. Witness said to the man, "You know such language as this is not allowed." The man replied, "I don't care what's allowed." Witness replied, "I shall lock you up," and took hold of him. The prisoner immediately got hold of his brother, and said, "You'll not take him." Witness said, "I shall—so leave go; and if another constable comes up I shall have you locked up as well if you do not go." Witness then blew his whistle for further assistance; the prisoner then stepped back a pace or two and struck witness twice with his clenched fist. Witness said, "If you do that again I shall draw my staff to you." Prisoner then stepped back and said with very bad language, "I'll blow your brains out." He then pulled out a knife from his right hand trousers' pocket, opened it and placed it in his hand dagger fashion. Witness said, "If you come with that I shall knock you down with my staff," drawing his staff at the same time. Prisoner struck at him three times with the knife, and on the third time he caught witness on the arm. Witness struck him with his staff, but could not say whether it was before or after that he felt himself cut. They both fell to the ground together then, witness falling from weakness. Prisoner sat on the ground, and witness again got hold of his collar, just at which time Constable Wilkes and another constable came up and took the prisoner away. Someone else took hold of him and led him away to Dr. Taylor's.—Cross-examined: Had been in the force eight months; had not seen the prisoner before; noticed that the prisoner had a flag-basket over his shoulder. Could not say what sort of a knife it was. Had not seen the knife since; had only one wound. Should say that the prisoner was sober.

Dr. Taylor said on Saturday night, the 13th, Atkinson was brought into his surgery. On examination he found a wound in the upper part of the right arm, a little below the elbow; he was bleeding profusely from an incised wound an inch long, and an inch and a quarter deep, inwards and upwards, puncturing the ulna artery, and was such a wound as might have been inflicted with the blade of a knife. Witness tied up the artery and dressed the wound. The constable was in a very fainting condition, and had to remain in the surgery for some time. He was not yet fit for duty.

Allan Cooper Kirk, a joiner, living at 64, Old Uttoxeter-road, said he was going along Friar-gate at half-past nine on the night of the 13th. Saw Atkinson holding a man, and the prisoner said "What have you got this man for?" The constable said "For using obscene language." The prisoner said "You have got the wrong man," and the officer said "I've not," and the prisoner replied that the officer was a liar. Atkinson then blew his whistle, and prisoner threw down his basket and struck at him; the officer drew his staff, and the prisoner went at him again saying he would blow the officer's brains out. Prisoner put his hand to his pocket, and then struck at the officer more than once, saying "I'll stab you," &c. Saw some instrument in prisoner's hand, but could not say what it was.

Charles Baker, who was also an eye witness of the occurrence, said when the prisoner struck the officer he saw something glittering in his hand.

Wm. Walker also saw the prisoner strike the officer with his fist, and also with some instrument he held in his hand.

Police-constable Wm. Atkinson, brother to Police-constable Frank Atkinson, said on hearing the whistle he went to the lock-up and searched him; he had no knife upon him. His head was bleeding.

Prisoner was then committed for trial at the Borough Sessions, bail being fixed at 100l. personal, and two sureties of 50l. each.

On Thursday evening a working-men's club was opened at Richmond by the Earl of Zetland, by whom the building has been erected at a cost of nearly 2,000l. His lordship, in handing the building over to the trustees of the club, expressed a hope that it would prove a comfort and a blessing to the labouring classes of the borough.

Samuel Herring, who escaped from Norfolk county gaol at Swaffham, on Wednesday afternoon, in the felon's dress, has been re-captured, and was brought back to prison on Thursday night. He spent Wednesday night in a tree, and in the morning he made his way to his father's house at Saham, where he had been only a few minutes when he was taken by the police.