



Shoemaker Steals Leather and Lasts

Wilts Summer Assizes

Thomas Tribe, 41, shoemaker, was charged, he being the bailee of certain leather and a pair of lasts, the goods and chattels of Purchas Hardly, of the value of 9s., with having fraudulently converted the same to his own use, and feloniously stolen and carried away the same. Prosecutor, a bootmaker, residing at Bradford, deposed that the prisoner was in the habit of working for him. On the 12th inst., he let the prisoner's daughter have the leather for another pair of boots, which were to be brought home on the following evening. On Wednesday morning he gave prisoner's daughter leather for another pair of boots, which were to be brought home on the Thursday evening. On Thursday morning, he went to the shop of Mr Taylor, pawnbroker, and there saw a pair of leather upper leathers and a pair of boots which he at once identified as his property and what he had let the daughter have on the Monday.

Mr Taylor deposed that he had purchased the "uppers" of prisoner for 1s. 6d. and the lasts for 3½ d., which the prisoner represented as his own property. Other evidence having been given connecting the prisoner with the robbery, he was found guilty and sentenced to 4 months' hard labour.

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