



# Crime and Punishment

## *Chippenham*

### **Claims Court**

Frances Jane Washbourne v Inez Broome

County Court, yesterday (before his Honour Judge Gardiner).

Frances Jane Washbourne, late of Chippenham, v Inez Broome, of Oaksey, gentlewoman.

Mr Bevir appeared for the plaintiff and Mr R J Drake (instructed by Mr Francis Cobyer, of London) for the defendant.

The claim was for £51 19s 10d, but was reduced to £50 to enable it to come under the County Court Act. Plaintiff claimed 19s for goods purchased, £22 17s for fodder for horses, and £25 3s 10d for rent, coals, gas, &c.

The case was heard at great length, and at the outset a plea of infancy was successfully set up, and the matter then resolved itself into a question as to what items could be charged as necessaries. Mr Bevir withdrew a claim of £3 for interest, and eventually his Honour gave judgment for the plaintiff for £36 2s 4d.

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