

Crime and Punishment

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BEWARE OF SCAMP

A Dinton correspondent wishes us to put our readers on their guard against the artifices of a scamp, who is going about soliciting charity, and exhibiting a petition, the matter of which is wholly untrue, and the signatures appended to it are forgeries. He says, that charitably-disposed persons would do well to withhold pecuniary assistance till they have made inquiries of the clergyman of the parish, whose name is generally signed to the paper. He adds that he has done so in very many instances, and has almost always found that the signatures were forgeries.

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