



# Crime and Punishment

*Durrington*

John Wilson was charged with stealing a handkerchief and other articles from the cart of Smith, the Durrington carrier, on Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> February, the property of Wm. Wild and Sarah Ranger. The Barford carrier was at Salisbury market that day, and saw the prisoner commit the theft.

P.C. Joseph Bradley produced the bundle which he received of the last witness, when he gave the prisoner into his custody.

Sarah Ranger said that on the 6<sup>th</sup> February she was an inmate at the Salisbury Infirmary. The two shifts, apron and cap produced were her property. On that day she gave the articles to William Ranger, her brother.

William Ranger said he received the articles in question from his sister, toed them up in his own pocket-handkerchief and put the bundle into the cart of Smith, the carrier.

Prisoner said he took the bundle in mistake for his own, he having put into a cart near just such a one, and tied up in such a handkerchief.

Bradley being recalled, said that when he took the prisoner into custody, he made no remark whatever, as to his having taken it by mistake.

Guilty: two calendar months' hard labour.

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