



# *In The News*

## *Durrington*

As Mr C. Berrett, late of Kimpton, was returning from Salisbury market to his new residence at Durrington, Wilts, a few days since, about half-past 8 in the evening, he was stopped by three ruffians, who darted from the hedge; one of them seized the bridle of the horse which he was riding, and the others requesting him to "hold hard," immediately commenced as most unmerciful attack on him with their heavy bludgeons. Mr Berrett being, however, a tall and powerful person, they could not strike him above his shoulders, and having a decent shillelagh in the shape of a good ash stick, he used it in such a manner upon the head of the villain holding the bridle as to completely stun him, and being released, he immediately galloped away, and reached home without the loss of his money. It appears the same man had previously robbed a poor woman who hawks goods, and after much ill-treatment tied her hands and legs, and left her in a plantation, where she might have perished, had not a gentleman been passing near, who was attracted by her cries, and went to her assistance. – *Hampshire Independent*.

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