



Men's Fashion c1870

## Acquitted of Trousers Theft

William Spratt was charged with stealing a pair of trousers, the property of Thomas Harrison, of Marlborough.

Mr. Pinckney prosecuted.

On the 12th October the prisoner went into the prosecutor's shop and selected a pair of trousers, the price of which was 9s 6d. He paid Stephen Lawrence, a shopman, a shilling on account, and it was understood that the trousers were not to be delivered until the whole of the purchase money had been paid. It was subsequently ascertained that the prisoner had taken away the trousers, and he was given into custody. The question was whether it was not a sale on credit? The Court thought so and stopped the case.

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