



Crime and Punishment

Minety

Court Case

Henry John Sutton

Henry John Sutton, native of Minety, labourer, was brought up in custody charged with stealing a pair of trousers, value 2s, the property of James Greenwood, lodge keeper of Charlton Park, in July 22. Prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Louisa Greenwood, wife of the prosecutor, said on Saturday night last she hung a pair of flannel trousers belonging to her husband on the clothes line in the garden. At eight o'clock the prisoner called at the lodge and asked for some tea and bread and butter. Her husband spoke sharply to the man as to his being in the park, and he said that one of the men told him he could go that way. They gave him some refreshments, for which he gave the children 4d and went on his way.

Witness missed the trousers from the line the same night at 10 o'clock.

William Gomes, postman at Charlton, identified the prisoner as the man he saw standing outside the lodge on Saturday night with a bundle in his hand.

PC Smith proved going with PS Alsopp to the prisoner's father's house at Minety the next morning and finding the trousers.

Prisoner elected to be dealt with summarily, and reiterated his statement that he bought the trousers from two men on the road. The chairman sent the prisoner to Devizes Gaol for one month.

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