

Crime and Punishment

Salisbury



STABBING A HUSBAND AT SALISBURY

Amelia Camfield was indicted for having assaulted her husband with gouge, and causing him bodily harm, on the 18th November at Salisbury.

George Camfield, the first witness called, deposed – I am a turner in Castle-street, Salisbury. I came home on the evening of Saturday, 18th November; I was not sober. A quarrel arose between my wife and myself. I threw some crockery about. I was going to leave the house; I felt something very sharp enter my right breast. I can't tell where my wife was at the time. I went to the police station directly. The blood was running down my clothes. I had a gouge in my workshop, not in my house.

Sergeant White, police-constable at Salisbury, deposed – I went to Camfield's house; the room was in great disorder. There was no one in the house. On the table behind the door I found a gouge. There was blood on the floor. There was a hole through Camfield's clothes in the breast.

Mr. John Winzar, surgeon, of Salisbury, deposed that he was called to the prosecutor, and found him bleeding from a wound under the fourth rib. He was very much intoxicated.

Samuel White, police-constable, of Salisbury, said – I went in search of the prisoner and apprehended her at the George and Dragon public house. When charged, she said she had not seen her husband. On her way to the station she said she had been very much abused by her husband and called very bad names. He had thrown a glass of beer and a glass at her.

George Camfield, recalled by the Judge, said – I had been married 10 years. I am not addicted to intemperate habits. I take a little after my work. She was a good wife when she had not any beer.

The prisoner said her husband was a bad wicked man. She had not struck him – he had fallen down in the shop.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, which was received with applause by the auditors.

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