



Crime and Punishment

Seend

Missing Watch

At the Devizes Borough Magistrates' Office yesterday, a servant girl named Elizabeth Perry, from Seend, was brought up on remand, charged with having stolen a watch and chain, the property of Mr Hussey, veterinary surgeon. The girl it seems entered Mr Hussey's service on Monday week; on the Wednesday following Mr Hussey left home to attend his uncle's funeral at Netheravon, and previous to doing so left his watch and chain in his bedroom.

Almost before he quitted the house the girl went upstairs to put the room in order, and whilst she was doing so a sister of Mrs Hussey went into the room and saw the watch and chain upon the dressing table. In the evening Mr Hussey returned; and on the following morning when he got up the watch and chain were missing...The girl was closely questioned. She stoutly denied, however, all knowledge of it. The police took her into custody and locked her up. The same evening the watch was found secreted in a pile of wood in the cellar.

The magistrate considered it a case of strong suspicion, but not sufficient to warrant a conviction, and dismissed the girl with a caution.

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