



An Unprofitable Visit from a Tramp

Edward Bruce, who described himself as an engine fitter, "on the road", was brought up in the custody of P.C. Chandler, charged with stealing two bolster cases from the dwelling home of Job Miles, of Semington. Elizabeth Miles, the wife of the prosecutor, who is a shopkeeper, said the prisoner came to their shop about 4 and had a pennyworth of ale, which he drank, and she thought he had left the house. Shortly afterwards, in consequence of hearing the stair door creak, she went into the kitchen, and found the stair door open. She accused the prisoner of having gone upstairs, and on looking round she saw that some of her bedlinen had been brought downstairs, and she accused him of taking the clothes. The prisoner immediately made for the door, and she attempted to stop him, when he struck at her and fled. She raised a hue and cry, and P.C. Chandler, with commendable promptitude, went in pursuit, and apprehended the fellow on the towing path of the Canal, and took him to Melksham. Remanded.

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