



## East Knoyle Farmer Fined

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### Semley Common Incident

At Tisbury Petty Sessions on Thursday, George Miller, of Cools Farm, East Knoyle, was fined £35 with £6 16s. 6d. costs, an advocate's fee of 21s. and his licence suspended for 12 months for having been in charge of a motor-car whilst under the influence of drink. He was defended by Mr. W. Farley Rutter (Shaftesbury), and Mr. Ireland (Devizes) prosecuted.

The prosecution alleged that at 1.40 p.m. on June 21st P.C. Beard was returning from Semley Station in a car driven by Mr. A. J. Sully, of East Knoyle, and that when they got to Troake's Lane they saw defendant's car standing by the roadside facing in the direction of East Knoyle, and defendant was by the gate trying to get up off the ground. He had apparently got out of his car to open the gate, and had fallen down. He was holding on to the bottom rail of the gate, and when he tried to get up he pulled the gate toward him and this knocked him back again. He again tried to get up, holding the gate with his right hand, and with his left hand and knee on the ground, and he then pushed the gate into the hedge behind him.

P.C. Beard got defendant to his feet, and found that he was unsteady on his feet, smelled strongly of drink, and his speech was slurred. He told Miller that he was definitely under the influence of drink and he said he had come from the King-settle, where he had had two glasses of beer. When Miller tried to enter the car he again fell over, and as he tried to start the engine P.C. Beard removed the ignition key. On the way to Tisbury Police station defendant kept saying, "I am sorry: can we square this up without going to the Police-station?"

Defendant denied the allegation, and, for the defence, it was said that he had been to get a hay-knife repaired, and had had a drink or two. When he got to the gate across the Common he got out to open it, and in doing so fell down.

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