

Crime and Punishment

Sutton Mandeville



STEALING DUCKS

Martin Johnson and Emanuel Johnson, of Sutton Mandeville, were charged with stealing a duck, value 2s., the property of Mrs Elizabeth Bugg, of Teffont Evias, on the 12th inst. Frederick Johnson, a labourer on the railway, saw the prisoners throw stones at Mrs Bugg's ducks in the river at Sutton Mandeville. The ducks went out of the river into Mr Arnold's meadow, and Martin Johnson went and drove them back into the river. The prisoners then again threw stones at the ducks, and Martin Johnson took one of the ducks out of the river and put it into his pocket. Witness accused defendants of throwing at the ducks, and caught hold of Martin Johnson and took the duck out of his pocket. It was not then dead, but died in a minute or two afterwards. Witness gave the duck to Sergeant Porter, and it was the next day identified by Thomas Bugg as belonging to the prosecutrix. The prisoners were each sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

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