



## Catching a Ghost

At the same sessions, [Petty Sessions, on Wednesday] a carpenter, 60 years of age, named Samuel Marchant, was summoned for assaulting James Cox, who appeared with his face sadly bruised. The defendant, it appeared, all last winter, haunted the fields and roads of Studley with a sheet over his head, at all hours of the night, for the purpose of frightening the women and children of the locality. Several people were sadly frightened, but the "ghost" could not be traced. The other night a party of men again saw the apparition, and one of them resolved to "catch the ghost," waylaid him, caught him, and took him to the police-station, where it was found to be the defendant. He was set free, with a caution; but having got into company where he was "chaffed" about his silly freaks, he became cross, and he, his wife, and son turned upon Cox, and beat him shamefully.

The magistrates allowed them to compromise the affair, by Marchant paying Cox £1, which was afterwards spent in a "jollification."

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