



A portion of brick used as a missile known as a "brickbat".

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The Police-court was crowded to excess on Wednesday, to hear a case in which a poor woman nearly lost her life from the fury of a drunken Irishwoman. Ellen Acorn, a vixenish looking creature, of Upper Studley, was charged with an aggravated assault upon an old woman named Ann Smith. The parties are pensioners' wives and live near each other. According to the evidence the whole lot - men, women, and children - make a practice of getting "jolly drunk" the day after pension day. At the last of these bouts the Irishwoman, who is generally mad when in drink, threw a brickbat at the old woman, inflicting such injuries upon her head that it was a matter of doubt whether she would recover. The old woman appeared in court with her head bandaged up, and blood oozing from her nose, although the assault was committed some time since. Not satisfied with assaulting the woman, prisoner took another brickbat in her hand and awaited the return of the husband, Thomas Smith, saying, "I have done for one, and now I'll do for t'other." She, however, missed her aim, and the husband escaped. The case was adjourned for the production of a witness.

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