

# Crime and Punishment

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## A ROW AMONG IRISH REAPERS

A party of Irish has been employed wheat cutting for Mr T. Raxworthy, of this place; and, Tuesday in last week being a wet day, they resorted to the field barn to drink their day's allowance of cider. Having done this, a quarrel arose between a young Hibernian and his mother, which led to a fight; and, on the husband interfering to stop it, he was most savagely chopped across the back of the neck by the son with his reaping-hook, wounding the old man fearfully. He was at once assisted to Mr Mavis's surgery, at Heytesbury, where he was attended to, and then sent to the Warminster Union. The police being made acquainted with it, the savage was arrested by P.S. White, of Heytesbury, and P.C. Carey, of Corton, who luckily found him unarmed. On seeing the officers approaching him, he rushed towards the barn, it is supposed to defend himself with the same sort of weapon he had before used, but he was taken into custody and conveyed to Warminster, where he was brought up on Saturday, but the old man declined to prosecute, and he was discharged.

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