Nottingham Town Sessions.

GUILD HALL, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1839.

The business commenced at ten o'clock, before R. Widman, Esq. Recorder, W. Howorth, Esq. Mayor, and the following Magistrates:—Thomas Close, John Wells, Thomas Marriott, Thos. Wakefield, Micah Gelling, and Richard Morley, Esqs.

GRAND JURY.

Thomas Bishop, Esq.		Jas. Newman,	
John Crosham, Gent.		John Shelton, Gent.	
Wm. Dowell, Gent.		Robert Farmer, Gent.	
James Hilton, Gent.		John Cotton, Gent.	
Joseph Hucknall, Gent.		Jonathan Hine, Gent.	
Thomas Leake, Gent.		Robert James, Gent.	
Thomas Adams, Gent.		John Barker, Gent.	
John H. Carey, Gent.		Henry Dunnington, Gent.	
Robert Parker, Gent.		William Gresham, Gent.	
W. Howorth, jun., Gent.		J. M. Mason, Gent.	

The information against vice and immorality having been read, the Recorder in his address to the Grand Jury, observed that there was a great number of prisoners for trial, but the cases were none of them of a serious nature. There was only one upon which it was thought necessary to make any remarks, and that was where a charge had been made against Joseph Atkinson, for having stabbed, cut, and wounded Sarah Rodgers with intent to do him some bodily harm. The indictment went on to state, carrying the charge, and the Jury must be satisfied that the offence supported one of these counts, ere they returned the bill, and placed the prisoner on his trial. The Recorder congratulated the Grand Jury on there not being a single case for breach of the peace, although there was great pressure arising from distress, and for some time the town had been in an agitated state. He then concluded by requesting that as soon as a bill was found, it might be returned, to enable the court to proceed with the business of the sessions.

PETIT JURY.

Mr. William Allistree, Foreman.			
Mr. John Anthony		Mr. William Curtis	
Mr. John Butler		Mr. Thomas Fish	
Mr. John Fidler		Mr. William Baker	
Mr. Thomas Foster		Mr. Joseph Greenwith	
Mr. J. L. Chadwick		Mr. William Garner	
Mr. John Curzon			

Stealing Linen.

WILLIAM HARWOOD was charged with stealing on the 1st of November, twenty six yards of linen, the property of William Forgie and partner.

Sarah Wilmot, assistant to the prosecutor (called for Mr. W. Enfield), said that on the 1st of November she remembered the prisoner coming to the shop, in Goose-gate, and asking to look at some pieces of linen in the window. Mrs. Forgie showed them to him. He wanted to see Mr. F., who then went into the shop. On the evening of the same day, took two pieces of linen to a house next door to the Bell in Pennidall-street. Was home next door to the Bell in Pennidall-street. Was ordered to deliver them to Mr. Harwood. Was not to leave the linen without the money. Went to prisoner's house of her own him, and told him Mr. F. had sent him two pieces of linen to look at; showed them to him, and said it was 2s. a yard. He asked if witness had a bill; told him she had not; he took up one piece, and went to the door, and said, that if she would come to morrow, at three o'clock, he would pay for the piece that was left; when outside the door, he gave the linen into witness's hand, who told him, that she was not to leave the linen unless paid for it. He answered, "you need not doubt my word, as I am a respectable man." When he said that, witness went away, leaving one piece of linen in the house. Went the next day, but he was not in the house; went again on Wednesday morning about eight o'clock, saw the prisoner, who said he had given the linen out to be made, and that he should see Mr. Forgie at six o'clock in the evening; went the following day, as he had not been down, according to promise; found him at home, and told him she must have either the linen or security. He went out of the house, and witness followed him; he promised to see Mr. Forgie that night.

Cross-examined by Mr. Coope.—Took a bill with a receipt to it the next day; prisoner was not at home. Cut the receipt off, and left the bill. Told Mrs. Whitaker, with whom the prisoner lodged, that it was not a bill, but a receipt.

Re-examined.—Leaving the linen was contrary to Mr. Forgie's order.

William Forgie, residing in Goose-gate, saw the prisoner at his shop, on the 1st of November, and was asked by him for an opinion upon it. Did not know the prisoner, or that he had seen him before. At his request, sent linen as last witness had stated, at six o'clock in the evening, with directions not to leave the linen without the money. On the Thursday following, prisoner went to the shop, and charged Mr. Forgie with having made bad use of his name; witness said he did not know that he had done so. Asked him if he were come to pay for the linen? He said no. Witness replied, that he should not be afraid of what he said of a man like him, "who had been in the habit of *doing so* many people." Prisoner said, if witness would let it stand over till next Thursday, he would then pay for it. Told him that unless the linen was in his shop that night, he would go to the magistrates in the morning. Prisoner said, "you can do nothing, I have been to my attorney." Witness said, I shall try it on. Prisoner left the shop, and has not paid the money.

Cross-examined.—Did not enter it into the book; made no bill out to William Harwood; gave the girl an acknowledgement, if she got the money. Did not know prisoner's name at the time. Merely sent a receipt for £2 12s. Had the money been brought, there would not have been any charge of felony. Witness did not himself go for the purpose of getting the money or security. The girl did not obey the orders which witness gave.

Mr. Coope addressed the Jury, observing that if the prisoner had committed felony, he himself, and he thought there was not a gentleman in the jury-box who had not also done the same. Nothing was more common than for linen to be sent to the house of a person desirous of purchasing, for the purpose of having the opinion of a female as to its quality. In this instance the prisoner had no acted, and from the time of ordering the linen, to its delivery, he had to go Derby, and happened to be stripped of his ready cash, so that when the girl came, he had not the money in the house, but as he was likely to have money in a few days, he said he would call and pay for the linen. A bill was made out in the regular way, and left, and the Jury ere they could return a verdict against the prisoner, must be satisfied that at the moment he went into the shop, he intended to rob the prosecutors. If even it were an afterthought, he believed the Court would state that he was not guilty.

The Recorder summed up, and the jury, after a very short consultation returned a verdict of "not guilty."

Stealing Books.

CHARLES MANNERS, aged 18, was indicted for stealing on the 18th of December instant, a pair of boots, the property of Robert Trussler.

Mr. Patchitt called Robert Trussler, a cordwainer, who said, that on Friday, the 13th of December, he hung five pair of boots at his door, and missed one pair of Blucher's about half past three o'clock; had not sold a pair; saw prisoner in the market-place the next day, with the boots on his feet, and knew them. Went up to him, and asked him to let him look at the boots; he refused; took him to the Police-office, and identified the boots. Gave him into custody. The boots were produced, which witness swore to.

Cross-examined by Mr. Edldows.—Had seen the boots at ten o'clock; they hung on the door-stead, outside the shop. The boots were six feet six inches from the ground, hanging on a nail. The prisoner is a cripple in both arms.

Mark Trussler, wife of the last witness, remembers seeing the boots in question hanging on the nail; saw the prisoner and another about the shop, and looking through the window; missed the boots in about five minutes after the prisoner was gone.

John Cooper, constable, took the boots now produced from off the prisoner's feet at the Police-office.

John Mattiews, journeyman to the prosecutor, identified the boots; he having mended them.

Mr. Eddowes, on behalf of the prisoner, said that the only defence he could make for the prisoner, was the statement he had made to him; he had stated that he was standing at the bottom of Swan-hill, a man went up to him, and offered him the boots for 1s. He (the prisoner, went home, got a shilling, and bought the boots. The prisoner was a cripple, and is not able to lift his arm up six feet six inches from the ground.

George Clarkston and William Gibson gare the prisoner a good character.

Verdict—Guilty.

The Recorder, in passing sentence, observed, that he should not pass a severe sentence upon the prisoner, as the boots had been unnecessarily exposed. He wished it to be understood that, in future, when he found that goods had been unnecessarily exposed for sale, he should not allow the expenses.

To be imprisoned one calendar month.

Stealing Boots.

JANE WALKER, aged 19, was charged with stealing, on the 10th of November, a pair of boots, the property of John Edwards.

Mr. Bowley called Elizabeth Edwards, wife of the prosecutor, who is a boot and shoe-maker, Angel-row, she said the prisoner went to her husband's shop, about half-past one o'clock, along with another, who asked witness to show prisoner a pair of cloth boots; showed them one pair which would not suit, and then got about twenty pairs. The woman bought one pair, and shortly afterwards witness missed another pair; the boots missed had been in the shop.

William Wood, jun., a constable, having received some information, went to the prisoner's house, in Angel-row, and there saw the boots; saw them lying on the table; took the boots and prisoner into custody. Prisoner said she had bought both pair of boots, and paid for them.

John Edwards identified the boots.

Verdict—Guilty. To be imprisoned and kept to hard labour five calendar months.

Stealing Linen.

ANN WILSON, aged 40, was charged with stealing on the 20th of November, five yards of linen, the property of Lambert Small West, draper, Long-row.

Mary West examined by Mr. Bowley said, he was in the employ of the prosecutor; saw the prisoner in the shop on the 20th of November. Some linen lay on the counter; prisoner was there; when she left the shop, missed a length of Irish linen; went in search of the prisoner, and found her at the corner of Mount-street; asked her if she had seen the shop (pointing to Mr. West's shop), and she said she had. A person of the name of Bostock gave witness a length of linen; it is one of the pieces of linen which lay upon the counter. Took her, and gave her into custody to White, the constable. She appeared sober when she came into the shop; but when taken, she pretended to be otherwise. Bostock was close to the prisoner when he picked the linen up.

John Edwards, shoe-maker, living opposite to Mr. West's shop, said that on the 20th of November, he saw the prisoner nearly opposite to his shop, along with last witness; while he was taking her to his master's shop, saw a piece of linen fall from the prisoner, which Bostock took gave to John West.

S. H. White received the piece of linen from John West, and has produced it in possession ever since.

Mr. West identified the linen.

Verdict—Guilty. To be imprisoned and kept to hard labour five calendar months.

Stealing Linseed Meal.

JOHN TAYLOR, aged 34, was charged with felonious stealing, on the 10th of October last, 30 lbs. of linseed meal, the property of Nathaniel Barnsdall and partner, he, the said John Tayler, then and there being servant to the said N. Barnsdall and partner.

Mr. William Enfield called Thomas Broomby, who is employed in the mill of the prosecutors, as linseed meal; prisoner was employed as a watch by night and part of the day, and had been so employed fourteen or fifteen months. In consequence of certain information, placed himself in the yard on the night of the 20th of October, about ten o'clock, lay upon some boards that had been put over the cisterns. Saw the prisoner go to the linseed tub, and put meal into a bag; after he had used the stoop, he gave it a turn, and placed it in the meal, to make it appear as though it had not been used. Witness went to the yard door, with a view of getting assistance, but it was fast; called out "Taylor," and he answered. Asked him where he had put the meal! he produced it from under his coat. Called the master up, and prisoner was delivered into the custody of James Lawson, constable.

James Lawson received the bag and the prisoner into custody.

The bag was identified, and the examination of the prisoner before the magistrates was produced, in which the prisoner stated that he had leave to take the linseed upon credit, as he had done on previous occasions. He also said the bag was his own.

Mr. Barnsdall said the prisoner was engaged as watchman, and received regular wages. Had never heard anything against prisoner before this offence.

Several persons gave the prisoner a good character.

Verdict—Guilty, but recommended to mercy on account of his previous good character.

Mr. Barnsdall re-called, said he had missed other goods for a fortnight before, under such circumstances that no one could have taken them but the prisoner.

The Recorder, in passing sentence, remarked upon the confidential situation the prisoner held, and the aggravated nature of the offence.

To be transported seven years.

Stealing Oats.

JOHN DEXTER, aged 18, was indicted for stealing on the 13th of December, five pecks of oats and a bag, the property of John Sims, he, the said John Dexter, then and there being servant to the said John Sims.

John Sims, corn-factor, of Nottingham, said the prisoner was his employ, and on the 13th of December, told him to go to Mansfield, with seven quarters of oats, for Mr. Stirrup; and about five o'clock in the morning witness was called up by one of his own men, to follow the prisoner. He followed him, and caught him and the wagon near to the house of correction, Nottingham. Said to him, "You scoundrel, what have you been doing?" He said, "Why what, master?" and he said, "you have got some extra sacks behind." Took him into custody, and delivered him to a constable. Had told him to take seven quarters; that would be fourteen sacks. There were fourteen sacks inside the half sack behind.

Prisoner.—I did not load the cart; it was loaded for me overnight, and I drove it away without having been down in it. I did not know that there was a bag behind; nor did I put one there.

James Ellerthorne is in the employ of Mr. Sims, for whom the prisoner also worked. On the 12th of December weighed fourteen sacks of oats, to go to Mansfield, between six and seven o'clock. The prisoner did not come to put the bags into the cart. He was directed to take the oats to Mansfield. In consequence of something that transpired, went to the warehouse about a quarter past two in the morning, and having hid himself, saw the prisoner, John Dexter, come into the yard with a lanthorn, and a lighted candle in it. He went into the stable where the horses were, and he came out from there with a bag, and a light, leaving a light in the stable. He came up into the warehouse, and half filled the bag with oats from a heap. Could see him quite plain, as he was then with him. After he had half filled the sack, he went down stairs, and put the sack in the stable. There were some oats for the horses in the cart; prisoner had fed them the night before, and knew they were for the horses. Saw him bring the bag out again, and after putting the bag down in the shafts of the cart, he placed that bag on the crutch behind. The prisoner had a key to every part of the warehouse, and could get up to the oats at any time. Witness had missed the meal previously, on account of some suspicions; had found it in the prisoner's corn-bin, and thinking it was not a proper place for a bag, had marked it. Communicated the information of the robbery to Mr. Sims, and then followed the cart to near the house of correction, where it was stopped. The bag now produced is the one witness marked; he put his own name on it.

William Cahorn, night-constable, was on duty in Glasshouse-street, on Friday, the 13th of December; saw Mr. Sims at the end of the house of correction. Took the oats from behind the cart, and also apprehended the prisoner.

Guilty. To be transported for seven years.

Stealing Gunpowder.

JOHN THORPE, aged 32, was charged with obtaining, by means of false pretences, on the 11th of November, 1837, six pounds weight of powder, and 28 lbs. of shot, the property of John Jackson, with intent to cheat and defraud him of the same.

Mr. Patchitt stated the case to the Jury, and called

John Jackson, gun-maker, of Nottingham, who remembered about the 28th of October, 1837, some man coming to his shop, and asking for two bags of shot; he said they were for "Squire Edge." Cannot say whether the prisoner was that man; he has every appearance of him. Afterwards heard that Mr. Edge had never received the shot and powder.

Prisoner—How can you tell I was the man?

Mr. Jackson—You had a cap and jacket with sleeves, as if you were a sporting character. Can say whether it was you, and always said so.

Samuel Jackson, son of the last witness, waits in his father's shop, and remembers on the 11th of November, 1837, the prisoner coming to his shop, and saying he had come for six pounds of powder and a bag of shot, for Squire Edge; they were to be sent to Mr. Horrocks, in Chapel-bar, and, the prisoner, would call there for them. Took the shot and powder to Mr. Horrocks, and left them there. When the man came, witness said to him, that there was some shot ordered by him before. He said it was all right, and he had given it to Mr. Edge's gamekeeper, and then mentioned the gamekeeper's name. A few days after, he, the gamekeeper, the prisoner again came to the shop, and asked for some shot. Witness told him he was sure that what he had taken for Mr. Horrocks, had not been delivered; he said he was sure it was, for he had taken it back, and he said he was sure it was, for he had taken it back, and given it to the keeper. He said he often came to Nottingham, and that the keeper requested him to bring the powder and shot. This convinced witness, and he took it up to Horrocks's, but Horrocks's men denied it. Never again saw the prisoner. Is the man who called.

Thomas Webb Edge, Esq., of Strelley Hall, proved that he never gave the prisoner permission to fetch any shot or powder. The gamekeeper is the only man allowed to fetch powder.

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The prisoner declared, in his defence, that he never went into Mr. Jackson's shop in 1837; he was quite sure that there was mistaken as to his identity.

Thomas Berry, constable, proved that he had a warrant against the prisoner for two years, but could not find him anywhere. Went to his house several times, but he was not there.

By prisoner—Never drunk ale with the prisoner once during the two years, or he should have apprehended him.

Guilty. Four months' imprisonment.

Uttering Counterfeit Coin.

RICHARD CRACKLE, aged 18, was indicted for unlawfully uttering to Richard Asling, on the 18th of November instant, two counterfeit sixpences, he, the said Richard Crackle, well knowing the same to be false and counterfeit.

Richard Asling proved that about a quarter before six o'clock on the evening of the day, the prisoner came into the shop and asked for a quarter of an ounce of tobacco; witness gave it him, and he paid for it with a sixpence. Gave him the change, and he went away. He had on a "billy-cock hat." He came again shortly afterwards, in a black hat, and different coat, and asked for a farthing; pulled one out, and then paid for it with another sixpence. Witness said it was a bad one, and broke it before his face. He asked him if he had any more; he said he thought if he did not get it again; but witness refused. He said he had taken it at the Black Swan. Went with him to the Black Swan, and he had taken two sixpences, and on getting there, prisoner looked into the bar, because the man he had taken it from was not there. Witness asked the landlord a question, and during that time, the prisoner went out of the house, and witness missed him. Told one of the evening police, and he went to the house in Colwick-street, and apprehended the prisoner. Gave the two sixpences to the policeman.

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Mr. Coope, after stating that the prosecutor was not of very bright intellect, but his evidence must be received, proceeded, called

Isaac Bonser, who lives with his father and mother, in Sc. Ward-lane, and is a boot-lace road way, as he always does, on the 4th of December, to Nottingham. His mother had given him a shilling in copper previous to starting. Went into the Leopard, public-house, and there one of the company gave witness half a pint of ale. It was about nine o'clock. Prisoner, who was in the room, asked witness to pay for a pint of ale, but he declined. Shortly afterwards, took a bag out of his waistcoat pocket: had put the money his mother had given him into that bag. Witness joined with a man for a pint of ale, and witness paid three-halfpence towards it. The man he joined was the man who afterwards ran away when witness was robbed. Put his bag into his pocket again. Had a drink of the ale, and was going, when the prisoner and the man he had joined with pulled him by the collar, and made him cry. The landlady let witness out at the back door, and the prisoner and the man ran after him, in Back-lane, the prisoner and the other man followed him, and catching hold of him, pulled him against the wall. The prisoner then put his hand into witness's waistcoat pocket, and took out the bag. They then ran away on to the Derby-road, and he lost sight of them. Went back to the Leopard public-house, and found both the men there; told them they had robbed him, and the prisoner said he had never been out of the house. A young man named Henry Wood was there; he fetched a constable. The other man then went to the other side of the house, and ran away. Witness and the policeman then went into the tap-room, and there the prisoner was apprehended. Having paid three-halfpence for the ale, there would be tenpence halfpenny left in the bag. The Leopard public-house is on the Derby-road, in the town of Nottingham.

Cross-examined by Mr. Payne.—His mother gave him the money a short time before he intended to go to the Leopard. It was in twelve penny pieces. He had no other money in his pockets. Went direct from home to the Leopard; did not call at any other place. There were three men in company with the prisoner at the Leopard. Paid a penny and a halfpenny for the ale. Has said before, that he was twelve penny pieces in the bag, but he had a halfpenny in his bag of his own, and that left elevenpence when it was taken away. He had come to Nottingham at his mother's request, to buy a pound of sugar. Does not know a Mr. Marriott; never told her that he had bought a pound of sugar; told her that he was only going to buy some. Told her he had twelve penny pieces; did not say it was a silver shilling he had had. Did not say he had been to Fox's, and bought the sugar. Does not know Mrs. Marriott yet. Does not know the landlady of the house, the man who served in the Leopard, did not give anything to the musicians. Did not give them a penny of air. Does not know Alfred Stapleton. When witness and the prisoner were dancing with others to the music, did not have more than one can of ale; did not have a cup and a can. Will swear he only drank once. Is quite sure it was the prisoner who collared him and pushed him against the wall. Has always said so, and now he says it was the prisoner who collared him and put his hand into witness's waistcoat pocket. He always said so.

Mr. Payne—How came you to say in your examination, that it was the other man who put his hand into your pocket, and that the prisoner ran away after him?

Witness—I don't know. I think the man he had the prisoner as they ran away.

Mr. Payne—How long were they robbing you?

Witness—Half an hour. (Laughter.)

Mr. Payne—You are quite sure of that?

Witness—Yes.

Mr. Payne—What were they doing? Were they talking to you?

Witness—No; the bag was tied tight, and they could not get it open.

Mr. Payne—Where did they stand to untie the bag?

Witness—I don't know.

Mr. Payne—How big was the bag?

Witness—(Holding his hands about sixteen inches apart.)

Mr. Payne—Oh; bless me! it was as long as my blue bag. (Laughter.) How long were you tying your bag up?

Witness—About ten minutes. (Laughter.)

Mr. Payne—Ten minutes tying up, and half an hour untying. You say you never went to the Leopard before nine o'clock.

Witness—No.

Mr. Payne—Now, upon your oath, were you not there at six o'clock; and did not the prisoner and the other man return you before you treated them?

Witness—I don't know.

Recorder—How came you to tell the magistrates that you were there at seven o'clock?

Witness—I don't know.

Henry Wood was at the Leopard public-house on the night in question, and saw the prisoner and three others in company there, and Isaac Bonser sitting near them. One of them asked him for a halfpenny, but he refused, saying he had given them enough. He twice refused. Bonser then got up, and was going towards the tap-room door, when one of the party rapped him over the pocket, and a scuffle ensued. Witness said, "Let the poor man alone." He has more money than any of the lot;" and Bonser then went out. Browne and another member, the prisoner again came to the shop, and asked for some shot. Witness told him he was sure that what he had taken for Mr. Horrocks, had not been delivered; he said he was sure it was, for he had taken it back, and he said he was sure it was, for he had taken it back, and given it to the keeper. He said he often came to Nottingham, and that the keeper requested him to bring the powder and shot. This convinced witness, and he took it up to Horrocks's, but Horrocks's men denied it. Never again saw the prisoner. Is the man who called.

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Thomas Webb Edge, Esq., of Strelley Hall, proved that he never gave the prisoner permission to fetch any shot or powder. The gamekeeper is the only man allowed to fetch powder.

Thomas Raynor, gamekeeper to Mr. Edge, proved he never gave the prisoner any permission to fetch either powder or shot, does not know him.

The prisoner declared, in his defence, that he never went into Mr. Jackson's shop in 1837; he was quite sure that there was mistaken as to his identity.

Thomas Berry, constable, proved that he had a warrant against the prisoner for two years, but could not find him anywhere. Went to his house several times, but he was not there.

By prisoner—Never drunk ale with the prisoner once during the two years, or he should have apprehended him.

Guilty. Four months' imprisonment.

Uttering Counterfeit Coin.

RICHARD CRACKLE, aged 18, was indicted for unlawfully uttering to Richard Asling, on the 18th of November instant, two counterfeit sixpences, he, the said Richard Crackle, well knowing the same to be false and counterfeit.

Richard Asling proved that about a quarter before six o'clock on the evening of the day, the prisoner came into the shop and asked for a quarter of an ounce of tobacco; witness gave it him, and he paid for it with a sixpence. Gave him the change, and he went away. He had on a "billy-cock hat." He came again shortly afterwards, in a black hat, and different coat, and asked for a farthing; pulled one out, and then paid for it with another sixpence. Witness said it was a bad one, and broke it before his face. He asked him if he had any more; he said he thought if he did not get it again; but witness refused. He said he had taken it at the Black Swan. Went with him to the Black Swan, and he had taken two sixpences, and on getting there, prisoner looked into the bar, because the man he had taken it from was not there. Witness asked the landlord a question, and during that time, the prisoner went out of the house, and witness missed him. Told one of the evening police, and he went to the house in Colwick-street, and apprehended the prisoner. Gave the two sixpences to the policeman.

Charles Browne, one of the evening police, went with the last witness to seek for the prisoner: found him at the sign of the Flying Horse, in Colwick-street, and was then in his shirt sleeves. Received two sixpences from Mr. Asling, which he produced.

John Doleman, silversmith, examined the two sixpences produced, and found them both bad and counterfeit coin. Both appear to be cast from one mould. Mr. D. cut one in two ere he gave his opinion. The other was broken.]

Guilty. Three calendar months to hard labour, one week solitary.

Assault and Robbery.

ALFRED LOVEL *alias* ALFRED LIVELY LANGTON, aged 26, was arraigned on a charge of having, on the 4th of December instant, feloniously assaulted and robbed Isaac Bonser, of 10s. in copper money, and a sixpence, the property of the said Isaac Bonser.

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EDWARD ELLIOTT, aged 22, was charged with having, on the 15th of November instant, entered the dwelling-house of John Hill, with intent to commit felony, and with having burglariously broke out of such dwelling-house.

Mr. Wakewith called Ann Hill, who said, my father's name is John Hill. I reside with him in Cur-lane, in this town. I was at home on the evening of the 15th of November, and was the last up in the house. I went to bed about eleven o'clock. There is a cellar-grate out of my father's house into Cur-lane, and inside the grate there is a shutter, that was fastened with a stock or latch; the grate was fastened by two chains. I was in the cellar a little before eleven o'clock, and saw the shutter and grating secure; also saw the house door fastened. Had retired to bed, when I heard a knocking at the door; "this was a little before twelve; got up, and went down nearly to the bottom of the stairs. Saw a man (the prisoner at the bar) in the house; he was going from the cellar door. Asked him who he was? He did not answer. Went into the house, and took hold of him. Asked him what he was about? He was walking over the cellar-grate, and fell in. He tried to get away from me, but I got to the door, lifted the latch, and pulled him out. He did not get away from me though he tried; my brother Anthony came up, and the prisoner was secured, and delivered into the custody of the watchman.

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Cross-examined.—No, you had not; your back was towards the door.

Anthony Hill lives with his father, in Cur-lane, and was out on the night of the 12th of November till a few minutes before twelve o'clock, when he went home, and opening the door, saw a man (the prisoner) at the bar,