

# Crime and Punishment

## *Baverstock*



### **Stealing a Rabbit Trap:**

Yesterday (Friday), a man named Arnold Paddock was brought up at the County Magistrates' Clerk's Office, charged with stealing a rabbit trap, the property of Mr A. P. E. Powell, of Baverstock, on Wednesday night. The keeper, it seems, had put down the trap on the previous day, and on Wednesday night the prisoner was seen within a short distance of the spot when the trap was found to be missing. Inspector Ghey, upon searching the prisoner's house at Wilton, found the trap concealed amongst some faggots. The magistrate (Mr Pinckney) committed the prisoner for trial at the Marlborough Sessions.

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### **Second Court (Before Mr R. L. Lopes)**

Arnold Paddock pleaded guilty to stealing a rabbit trap, the property of Mr A. P. E. Powell, of Baverstock. He had three times previously convicted, but Mr Lopes told him the Court would give him one more chance of escaping penal servitude. He must be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for six calendar months.

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