



Robberies at Mr. Cole's Shop

Mother and Child Committed for Trial

Salisbury Petty Sessions – Monday, Before the Mayor, Mr. F. R. Fisher, and Mr. T. W. Gilbert
The Robberies from Mr. Cole's.

A woman named Mary Ann Bungay, was brought up on remand charged with having stolen a ham from the shop of Mr. Coles, of High Street. The ham was stolen from Mr. Coles' shop on the afternoon of Monday, the 17th inst., and in the course of the evening the prisoner took it to the house of Mr. Roots, tailor, Brown Street, where she sold it for 7s. - considerably below its value. She said she had received it from a woman in Fisherton, for whom she worked. On being apprehended by Sergeant White, the prisoner said her little girl brought her the ham to sell for Mrs. Thick, butcher, of Fisherton.

Mrs. Thick was called and denied having ever given a ham to the prisoner or her child to sell for her.

In her defence the prisoner repeated that her daughter, a child 12 years of age, brought home the ham, and requested her to take it to Mrs. Roots, to sell for Mrs. Thick. She took the ham to Mrs. Shergold's, Milford Street, to have it weighed. It weighed 17½ lbs., as the child had previously stated. She gave the 7s. received from Mrs. Roots to the child, to take to Mrs. Thick. She was committed for trial at the sessions.

Sarah Jane Bungay, a girl 12 years of age, and daughter of the prisoner in the previous case, was charged with stealing a leg of pork, weighing 10½ lbs., also the property of Mr. Coles, yesterday week. The prisoner was not seen in the shop, but in the evening she and a sister were found in possession of the pork, at Shergold's eating-house, in Milford Street, where they asked to have it weighed. Prisoner said the pork was a present to her mother, who would be glad if Mrs. Shergold would buy it. She asked 6d. a lb. for it, which Mrs. Shergold eventually paid her. When at the police-station the prisoner said she gave the money to her mother. She was committed for trial at the sessions.

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