



## Thefts From Mr. Richard Birch's Shop

Salisbury Petty Sessions – Monday. Present: the Mayor; James Bennett, J. Cother, J. Hussey, W. Andrews, and R. Hetley, Esqrs.

### Stealing Trowsers

Ann Wilson was charged with stealing a pair of trowsers, value 4s 6d, the property of Richard Samuel Birch, of Catherine-street. It appeared from the evidence that the trowsers were exposed for sale by the prosecutor on the previous Wednesday, and that on the evening of that day he missed them from his shop, and on going into Brown-street, he met the prisoner with the trowsers on her arm. She was in liquor at the time. Charlotte Jarrett deposed to seeing the prisoner snatch the trowsers from the door of the prosecutor's shop, and run away with them. The prisoner pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to one month's hard labour, and the mayor, in passing sentence, cautioned Mr. Birch against exposing his goods, which not only acted as a temptation to the public, but might result in loss to himself.

### Stealing A Coat

Joseph Brant was charged with stealing a coat, value 17s 6d, from Mr. Birch, the complainant in the former case. It appeared that the coat, which had been missed from Mr. Birch's shop, was found at the Gigant-street Brewery, where it had been left by the prisoner, who had previously offered it for sale to a man named Henry Massey. The prisoner, who was apprehended at Shafflin's lodging house, said that the coat was given to him to pawn by the prisoner in the last case, and he repeated this statement in his defence. The Bench committed him for trial at the Assizes.

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