



Garden Robbery Early in the Morning

Swindon Police Court Monday

Henry Townsend, labourer, of Stratton St. Margaret, was brought up in custody charged with stealing ten cabbages, value 1s. from an enclosed garden at Stratton on June 28th, the property of Mrs. Maria Fisher, a widow.

Prosecutrix and her gardener, John Iles, spoke to missing the ten cabbages; Iles valued them at 1s. 8d.

William Low, a labourer of Stratton, said he saw the prisoner at 3.30 a.m. on Sunday, cutting cabbage in Mrs. Fisher's garden.

P.C. Lodge spoke to receiving information of the robbery and apprehending the prisoner. He found the cabbage at the prisoner's house.

Prisoner pleaded guilty and elected to be dealt with by the magistrates; he expressed regret for the offence.

The bench fined him £1 and £1 3s. 6d. costs and damage; in default 28 days hard labour. The money was paid.

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