



Ill-Treating a Cat

Job Hunt of Stratton St. Margaret was charged with torturing and ill-treating a cat, the property of Charles Porter of New Swindon, on the 16th inst. A witness, Ann Head, said that on the afternoon of the 16th, as she was passing down the lane heading from the Red Cow beer-house to Mr. Reynold's she saw the defendant with two dogs. The dogs were tearing something on the grass: the defendant stamped on it and then took it by its hind legs, when she discovered it to be Mr. Porter's cat.

Defendant positively denied seeing any cat, and said it was a hedgehog and not a cat that his dogs caught.

The witness Ann Head was again recalled and, upon being questioned about its being a cat that she saw, said she had no doubt whatever about it she was not more than 10 yards off when Hunt held it up by its hind legs.

Charles Porter said that on the 16th the cat was missed from the house and had not been seen since.

Ordered to pay £1 and 11s. costs. And in default of payment to be committed for one month.

Defendant, who became very abusive, said he would take the month.

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