



Charged with setting fire to a wheat-rick

Serious Charge Against A Servant Girl

At Bradford-on-Avon, on Thursday, a girl named Mary Ann Rudman, servant to Mr. W. Tilke, farmer, of Hobbs's Bottom Farm, near Atworth, was charged with having maliciously set fire to a wheat-rick, her master's property. On Sunday, the 20th Feb., Mr. Tilke saw the ricks safe about mid-day, and shortly after the prisoner came running in to say there was a fire in the rick-yard. The only evidence against her is that she was seen coming from that direction, and that her mistress had severely scolded her the day previously, causing her "to be moody and silent, and sigh once or twice." She was committed for trial.

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