



Crime and Punishment

Berwick Bassett

Shopkeeper Stole A Napkin

George Bennett, a shopkeeper, was charged with stealing a napkin, a hat and sundry other articles, the property of Mr H A Rivers, at Berwick Bassett, on the 4 November 1883. Mr Ravenhill prosecuted, and Mr Lopes defended. Prisoner was formerly a foot man in the employ of General Pitt Rivers at Rushmoor, and during November last several shirts were missed and afterwards, it was alleged, found in the prisoner's house with the marks sewn over. The jury found the prisoner not guilty, and he was then put on his trial for stealing a chair and certain other articles mentioned in a second charge. In the which the prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

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