



Crime News

Two related Assaults

1894

Swindon Police Court, Thursday

A Trivial Case

Ernest Shell, a lad of Bishopstone, was summoned by **Susan Fowler** for assaulting her daughter, **Catherine Fowler**, aged 15, at Bishopstone on the 4th inst.

Catherine Fowler said defendant threw a stone which hit her in the face and blacked her eye. Jacob Bailey, of Bishopstone, said he saw defendant throw the stone, which was of a "bigish size". Asked more definitely to describe the size, he said it was as big as a "big bouncer".

Defendant called a little girl named Emily Johnson, and Ellen Wall, his aunt who said defendant only threw a lump of dirt.

The Bench said the case was a trumpery one, and dismissed it.

Something arising out of nothing

Susan Fowler, of Bishopstone, was summoned for assaulting Ellen Wall on Sept. 4th.

Complainant said about ten minutes after the occurrence mentioned in the last case defendant met her in the street and kicked her, and she felt the effects of the blow for two days after.

John Titchener said he saw defendant push and kick complainant.

Defendant called John Titchener, a nephew of the last witness, but he said he saw nothing of the occurrence.

The Bench imposed a penalty in this case of £1, including costs.

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