

A Woman Heavily Fined

At the Borough Petty Sessions, on Friday, before the Mayor (Mr. F. W. Pinniger) and Mr. T. E. Rodman, Elizabeth Barnes, wife of Henry Barnes, fish dealer, was summoned for assaulting Jane Britain, wife of George Britain, labourer. Complainant stated that on the night of August 18th, she went to Mrs. Calney's shop to pay an account, and defendant, after using abusive language to her, came and pulled her backwards out of the shop. P.C. Hinton, who was fetched by complainant, corroborated. Defendant was then charged with assaulting Mrs. Calney, at the same time and place. Mrs. Calney stated defendant accused her of suffering from a foul disease, and when she told defendant to prove her words, defendant threatened her, and used most disgusting language.

A third charge against defendant was for using obscene language in the streets, and this was proved by P.C. Hinton.

The Bench bound defendant over in the sum of $\pounds 5$ to keep the peace for six months in each of the assaults cases, and ordered her to pay the costs, 10s. and 11s. respectively. For the obscene language she was fined $\pounds 1$ and 7s. costs, $\pounds 2$ 8s. in all.

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