

Stolen sugar nippers

William Richardson was indicted for stealing a pair of sugar nippers, the property of James Raxworthy, at Codford St. Peter. On the 31st of January prisoner went to the shop of a person named Trollope, a dealer in second hand articles, at Warminster, and asked him to buy a pair of sugarnippers; Trollope objected for some time, saying they were of no use to him, but on being pressed to buy them, he did so, giving 4d. for them: he suspected that all was not right and accordingly handed the nippers over to a policeman, who took them to Mr Raxworthy's house, where they were identified as his property, by the housekeeper. Prisoner accounted for the possession of the nippers by saying that he picked them up in the road to Codford.

Guilty – 3 month's hard labour.

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