



A Typical Victorian Rabbit Trap

### **Alfred Perry Summoned For Stealing 25 Rabbit Traps**

Everley. Petty Sessions, August 31:

(Before T.E. Fowle, Esq., E.D. Poore, Esq., and the Rev. J.H. Gale.)

Alfred Perry of Collingbourne Kingstone, was summoned for stealing 25 rabbit traps, the property of C.J. Monck, Esq., at Collingbourne Kingstone on the night of the 30th July. It appeared that 30 traps were set by John Stocker, one of Mr Monck's keepers, and defendant saw them set. Upon the keeper going the next morning, at four o'clock, 25 traps were stolen. The same morning Perry gave some rabbits to a witness named Crouch; and other circumstances having transpired tending to implicate Perry, he was summoned for stealing the traps. Twenty-two of the traps were found on the 7th August, by a woman named Jane Silver, who had been sent to cut some nettles at the side of a hedge at some distance from where they were stolen. Perry at first preferred to be sent for trial, but he afterwards elected to have the case settled here, and the magistrates, after some deliberation, discharged him, at the same time remarking that it was a case of strong suspicion against him.

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