



Crime Reports

Cricklade

Theft Charges

Police Court, Swindon on Wednesday.

George Clark a carter of Westmill Lane, Cricklade, was placed in the dock on a charge of stealing 12s from a dwelling house at Castle Eaton on December 19th. Mrs Eliza King, from whose house the money was said to have been stolen, told how she had left her house for a few minutes, and on her return discovered that 12s had been taken from a drawer – half sovereign and two shillings. The prisoner was delivering coal at adjoining cottages and would have to pass the door of her cottage, which she had left open. A quantity of other evidence was taken as to what money Clark had legitimately received, what he expenditure had been, and what money was found in his possession by the police. Clark, on oath, denied the theft, and offered some explanation how he became possessed of the half sovereign it was proved he had changed on December 19th. The magistrates concluded a prima facie case had been established against him and sent the case to be tried at Quarter Sessions, releasing Clark on bail.

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