



## **Burglary at the Rectory**

On Tuesday night last, the Rectory was feloniously entered during the absence of the Rev. C. Morgell and the larger part of his family from home. The burglars effected their purpose through the window of a room on the ground floor having first removed, by means of a knife, a portion of the pane of glass opposite the sash-bolt. It so happened that neither the shutters were closed, nor the fastenings with the spring-bell fixed, as usual; otherwise it is believed the attempt would probably have failed, in that quarter at least. As it was, the noise was distinctly heard the by coachman, whose sleeping room was directly over that into which the thieves made their way; but the servant, imagining the sound to proceed from the rubbing of the branch of a shrub against the window, disregarded what he heard and went to sleep, consequently no alarm was given. Next morning the back door was found open and marks of footsteps were traced throughout almost the whole of the lower part of the dwelling. The pantry was carefully searched by the thieves, and the plated articles left there tried and rejected by them; some boxes, thought doubtless to contain money, were burst open, one cupboard was forced and the larder plundered. It would appear the burglars leisurely regaled themselves in the kitchen, but we are happy to state nothing of any value fell into their hands and providentially those members of the family who were at home remained in ignorance of what was occurring.

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