

# Crime and Punishment



## *Knook*

### COMMITTED TO FISHERTON GAOL

John Turner, charged with having robbed Katherine Ellen, on the highway at Knooke, and stolen money, &c.

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There are 72 prisoners for trial at our Assizes, charged with the following offences:-

John Turner, 27 assault and robbery at Knook; Katherine Ellen, 20, to give evidence against the above John Turner;

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### WESTERN CIRCUIT

SALISBURY, Thursday, March 9

Crown Court (Before Mr Baron Gurney)

John Turner was indicted for having assaulted Katherine Ellen, and robbed her of 11 ½ d.

It appeared that on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, the prosecutrix, who is one of the German broom girls, had been singing at a public-house in the village of Knook. She afterwards sang in the village, and then proceeded on the road to Heytesbury. The prisoner overtook her, pushed her down, and took her pocket, which contained 11 ½ d., and ran away with it. When she got to Heytesbury she told her mother, and the prisoner was apprehended the same evening.

The Jury found the prisoner *Guilty*, and judgement of death was recorded against him.

The Learned Judge directed the greatest possible allowance to be made for the girl by the Clerk of Assize. The poor girl was committed by the magistrate on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, for want of sureties for her appearance to prosecute, and she had been in gaol ever since.

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“Buy-a-broom” Girl