



Exeter Street and Gate leading to the Close by Don Hershberger

Man Obtains Money By False Pretences

Salisbury, City Petty Sessions, Saturday

Thomas Pearce was brought before James Hussey, Esq., charged with obtaining three-pence by false pretences from Elizabeth Lewis, of Wallop. From the statement of the complainant it appeared that the defendant went to her house, and asked her if she had not got a son in America. She replied that she had a son abroad somewhere, but she could not tell precisely where he was. The prisoner said, "He's in America, and I have lately seen him. He has given me an order to pay you £25 through the bank at Salisbury." The woman, overjoyed at the news, advanced the prisoner three-pence, and he made his way to Salisbury, where he took lodgings in Exeter-street. On the woman coming to Salisbury to get the £25 she found she had been duped, and the prisoner was given into custody. It was subsequently ascertained that a more serious charge was hanging over him at Basingstoke, and he was consequently handed over from the borough to the Hants constabulary, the charge preferred against him by the woman, being abandoned.

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