



A Youthful Beggar and a Cruel Mother

About ten o'clock on Monday night last, Inspector Robinson, of the Great Western Railway Police, apprehended a boy whom he found begging at New Swindon. His little prisoner, who is only seven years of age, is the son of a woman named New, living with a labouring man in Stratton. The boy, it appears, was working hard to fill a bag, which already contained a large quantity of broken victuals; for said he, "I was afraid to go home; mother beats me very severely if my bag isn't full every day, and I have often slept under a hedge all night." The police officer was directed to take him home. 'The little fellow possesses prominent features of intelligence and it is a subject for regret that he owns no parent who feels it a

"Delightful task to bear a tender thought,"

save in the ways of dishonesty and crime.

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