

A Good Workman: What he did while Drunk.

George Foreman, labourer, was brought up on Thursday, June 14th, before the Hon. Holmes A'Court and the Rev. G. F. S. Powell, charged with being drunk and disorderly in Bread Street, Warminster Common, on the 12th of June, and also with assaulting P.C. Langley at the same time and place.

P.C. Langley said he saw the prisoner drunk and wanting to fight in Bread Street. He asked him to go home quietly, but he refused and put himself in a fighting attitude. Another man prevented him from striking the constable, and he thereupon ran into his garden and did some damage to his "flower beds" by pulling up the boarding around them. The constable endeavoured to prevent him from doing further mischief, when prisoner struck him in the left side with great force with his fist, and also on the side of the head. Witness managed to throw him and get the handcuffs on him, but had to obtain assistance to get him to the station.

Prisoner pleaded guilty to being drunk, and stated that he had no knowledge of having assaulted the constable until he found himself at the Police-station the next day.

Supt. Perrett said that prisoner was convicted for an assault on Eli Phippen on the 11th December 1880, and fined £5, including costs; on the 1st of September, 1881, he was fined for drunkenness; and on the 2nd September, 1882, £1 for poaching.

Mr Tryhorn, engaged on the sewerage works, said that the prisoner had been working for him during the last six or seven months. Of not one of the 50 men he had under him could he speak more highly than of the prisoner. He believed that the prisoner had drunk some beer on that day in consequence of the other men making fun of him.

The Bench inflicted a fine of 5s and costs for being drunk, and 10s and costs for assaulting the constable, or 14 day's hard labour in each case

The fines were paid by Mr Tryhorn.

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