

Alarming Experience of Farmer's Wife

Stranger Enters Wiltshire Home Whilst She is in Bed

Whilst her husband was away from home Mrs. Ethel Mary Nutland, of Lutsey Farm, Worton, was awakened by a knocking on the front door, but being alone she did not answer it. Then there was a knocking on the back door, but she again refrained from answering.

She heard somebody walk across the hall into the sitting-room, and a man call up the stairs, "Is anyone awake?" She did not recognise the voice, and did not answer as she was too frightened to do so, She considered the man was in the house for something like an hour.

The next day she missed a gold wristlet watch from the mantelpiece in the sitting-room.

At Devizes Police Court Ernest Huntley of Mill Lane, Poulshot, who was employed at Lutsey Farm, was charged with the theft of a watch. He said he would not have done it had he not been in drink.

Previous convictions were proved, and Huntley was sentenced to three months imprisonment.

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