

Two Sisters and Brother in Court

Everley Petty Sessions

Lucy Bowler, of Ludgershall, was charged with stealing a flitch of bacon, the property of Mr. Stephen Weeks, at the above place, on the 20th January. It appeared that Mr. Weeks had, by prisoner's consent, hung two flitches of bacon up her chimney to dry, and on going to fetch away the last one on the 20th January, it was not to be found. Upon asking her where it was, she said "It had taken flight, and gone away."

A search warrant was then procured and placed in the hands of Inspector Mould, who found the bacon (minus five pounds, which the prisoner admitted she had eaten) at the house of Richard Lever, her father, who lives a short distance off. It appeared that the bacon was taken there by the prisoner and her sister, Anne Lever, and she being in Court, having been summoned to attend, was ordered into custody by the Bench, and both prisoners were remanded on the above charge to the next sessions to be held at Pewsey, on the 10th inst.

William Lever, brother to the above prisoners, was summoned for assaulting Mrs. Mary Weeks, wife of the above Mr. Weeks, at the same place as above, on the 19th ult. Defendant denied the charge and a witness for complainant not being present, the case was adjourned to the next sessions to be held at Pewsey.

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