

house, and somebody saw the buckles in Mr. Young's area.

THOMAS WILLIAMS'S DEFENCE.

I was in the minorities, and heard the cry of stop thief, and a man caught hold of me, and then he took hold of another boy, and then he said I was the thief, and he took me.

JOHN CARROLL'S DEFENCE.

I was going down the Minories; I heard the cry of stop, and going to see what was the matter, I picked up a pair of silver buckles, and I put them under my coat, which being too big, they fell down my arm, and a man came and took me.

ANN FURGUSON sworn.

I have known Williams a year and a half; I live in White's-alley, Coleman-street; his mother lived at my house.

What business is he?—His father is a carpenter; he worked with his father a little, but did not like the business, and has lately strolled about the town, but I never heard any harm of him till now; I am a washerwoman, have entrusted him to carry out linen for me several times; he never robbed me of any thing, as far as I know him, he was always an honest boy.

BOTH GUILTY.

Transported for seven years.

*Tried by the London Jury before
Mr. ROSE.*

826. ELIZABETH STEEL was indicted for stealings, on the 22d day of January last, one watch inside and outside case, made of silver, value 30s. the property of George Childs.

Owen to prisoner. Are you guilty, or not Guilty.

Prisoner. You know I cannot hear.

Court to prisoner. Your case has been considered by all the Judges, and they are of opinion that even if you cannot hear, you

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ought so be tried; therefore it is my duty to tell you (on a supposition that you can hear) that it will be in vain for you to pretend to be deaf, because you will only lose the opportunity of asking proper questions, but it will not prevent your trial coming on, for I shall certainly try you, whether you can hear or no.

(The Jury sworn.)

“ You shall well and truly try, whether Elizabeth Steel the prisoner, stands mute through wilfulness and obstinacy, or by the visitation of God, and a true verdict give according to the best of your understanding, so help you God.”

JOHN MILLS sworn on the *vaine dire*.

I am a shoemaker, I have known the prisoner by sight, three or four years, to the best of my knowledge; I cannot tell in what particular way of life she has been; I have seen her about Chick-lane and at that part of the town, I never had any particular conversation with her.

Do you know whether she is deaf or no?

I really cannot tell; I have talked to her, but I know one time of day she could hear as well as another person, she has answered me half a year ago, I do not remember the month, it was when she was at large.

Was it in the course of this year?—I cannot bring it to memory; I have been with her in goal; she asked me questions, and I answered her, but I do not recollect she gave me answers to what I told her; she said she was very glad I was not at the Old Bailey, when she was arraigned at the bar; I told her I had no business there, whether she heard me or no, I cannot say; she asked me who the woman belonged to that attended the Old Bailey every sessions, and I told her it was my brother's wife; I was once in the chapel in Newgate, two or three months ago, and she saw me there, and called me, and asked me to come down to speak to her at the gate, and I came, and she told me she was done for seven years, but she thought she should

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never go abroad; so I gave her a penny, and came away.

Court to Prisoner. Now woman, you have heard what this man has said; the consequence of it will be, if you persist in standing mute, you will be convicted?—
(*No reply.*)

JOHN PRICE sworn.

I have known the prisoner seven years.

Has she been deaf during that time?—I cannot tell, for all the time of last June, I had a conversation with her; I recollect she asked me particularly how an acquaintance of my mine did, and I told her he was very well; I made her understand me by speaking to her pretty loud, louder than usual.

Was she any way deaf before she was committed?—Never that I know of.

Court to Owen. Speak very loud to her, and ask her if she can hear you speak?—She says she cannot hear a word that I say.

JOHN PORTER sworn.

I never saw the prisoner but once; I went with Mr. Mills to see her in Newgate once; she was called down, and when she came down, Mr. Mills asked her how she did; she shook her head; then he said, I was here last sessions, Betty; there was no more said for a good while; I stood in the street, on the right hand, she did not see me; when he spoke, she bowed, but she never spoke; she gave a sign that she understood him; I heard her say to Mills, she was very glad that he was not at the Old Bailey when she was arraigned; she never answered him.

Mr. Attorney. I have heard her speak, but I never could make it out that she heard.

Jury. We do no doubt her speaking, we doubt her hearing.

The Jury gave their verdict, made by the visitation of God.

The prisoner was then charged on her trial.

The Jury sworn in chief on this trial

GEORGE CHILDS sworn.

(*He is very deaf.*)

Court. What have you to charge the prisoner with?—The prisoner took and pulled my watch out of my pocket.

Where were you going?—It was in a house leading into Black-boy-alley; she took me to one house, then to another, up one pair of stairs there, she pulled my watch out of my pocket.

What are you by trade?—A boot-closer.

What o'clock was it?—Between nine and ten in the evening; I pulled out my watch, she said, d—n my eyes, I will have it; I went along with that man there. (N. B. Mills, who gave evidence about her deafness.)

Did any conversation pass between you and the prisoner?—I did not want this woman, it was the other woman I wanted; there was another woman and Mills.

In what manner was it taken?—She thrust her hand into my breeches pocket, where I had a shilling and two pence. I endeavoured to prevent her; then she snatched my watch out, and ran out of the room and ran off; she went up at another door, I went after her with that man, and asked him where she was gone; I saw her about an hour after, about eleven in Catherine-wheel-alley.

Are you sure she is the woman?—Yes.

Did you find your watch?—I never saw the watch since; it was a silver watch, No. III.

Did you charge her with taking your watch?—Yes.

What did she say?—Nothing at all.

Had you any conversation with her in the room?—No.

JOHN MILLS sworn.

This man and I went into a public house, and there were two women; we all went together to this room; as soon as we came there, George Childs pulled out six-pence;

perce; I came down stairs, and left them in the room; I gave the woman a shilling to fetch some gin; as soon as I gave her the shilling she went; I heard a terrible uproar, and Childs ran down with his mouth all over blood; says I, what is the matter? says he, b—st me, she has my watch; I went to the door to secure the watch, to take care of her; and with that, you see, he ran down, and said she was gone, and at the foot of the passage we saw another way out; we went after her, and saw nothing of her; he went to search for her; I waited at a public-house for his return, and fell asleep, and somebody waked me, and I came home.

GUILTY

Transported for seven years.

Tried by the second Middlesex Jury before Mr. Justice HEATH.

827. MICHAEL LEARY was indicted for stealing, on the 16th of September last, four yards three quarters of linen cloth, value 5s. two cotton handkerchiefs, value 1s. the property of Sarah Busher, spinster.

SARAH BUSER *sworn.*

I live in Webb's square, Shoreditch; between two and three o'clock on the 16th of September, I met the prisoner on the stairs; I seized him by the collar, and took a remnant of yard-wide Irish from him; my father assisted me; I live in the house with my father; it is my property; it was in a box of mine up in a two pair of stairs room; I saw it in my box that morning; he said, he met a woman on the stairs with a bundle, and he supposed that she had dropped it, and he took it up; he said he came to a person; we had no soul in the house but ourselves; he had no business there; these things are mine; I have no doubt about it.

PRISONER'S DEFENCE.

I went up to this woman's apartment to

enquire for a person; I met a woman coming down; she had a bundle, and she dropped that piece of linen; I took it up and knocked at the door, and there was nobody in the room; she had it under her left arm; it was concealed, only I saw something.

GUILTY.

Whipped.

Tried by the second Middlesex Jury before Mr. Justice HEATH.

828. JOSEPH HATCH and JAMES SMITH were indicted for stealing, on the 24th of September last, eight pair of leather shoes, value 20s. the property of Ambrose Smith.

JAMES PALMER *sworn.*

I produce the shoes; I saw the prisoners both standing at the door together, and I saw one of them missing; the man in the great coat was still standing; he had a stick in his hand; I saw the shoes under the arm of the prisoner Hatch.

BOTH GUILTY.

Whipped.

Tried by the second Middlesex Jury before Mr. Justice HEATH.

829. GEORGE LOVELL alias GIPSEY GEORGE was indicted for feloniously assaulting Ann Langdale, on the 28th of September last, on the King's highway, and putting her in corporal fear and danger of her life, and feloniously taking from her person and against her will, one woollen cloak, value 10s. her property.

ANN LANGDALE *sworn.*

I am not married; I was robbed lately; I was going up Tottenham-court-road, between five and nine at night; a man came to me, and took a cloak out of a basket; my sister takes in washing, I had been home with some cloaths for her, and the cloak was in the basket; I am not servant to my sister.

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