

"How long have you been acquainted with her?"

"Since the first week in December."

"Can you fix the precise date?"

"No, sir; it was on a Tuesday."

"It was, then, on the Tuesday in the first week in December that you first saw her?"

"Yes, sir."

"Having never seen her before?"

"Never, sir."

"And having had no previous knowledge of her?"

"No, sir."

"Tell the court what happened on this first visit."

"Do you mean what passed between us, sir?"

"Yes."

"She came to our cottage when there was nobody but me at home, and asked if I had a bedroom to let. We had a room empty that my husband's mother used to occupy; she was dead a fortnight when the young lady came——"

"Meaning the prisoner?"

"Yes, sir. And the funeral had put us to a bit of expense, besides black clothes for me and my husband and Jimmy. So when the young lady asked me if I had a room to let I thought of that one, and that it would be a good opportunity to turn an honest penny. But I didn't like to let it without my husband's consent, and I told the young lady so. She asked where my husband was, and I said at work, and that he would be home about six. Then she asked whether she might stop till he came home, and I said yes."

"At what hour of the day did this take place?"