

On complaint being made that a captain of a barque had brutally ill-treated a seaman, from the effects of which he had died while on a voyage from Japan to this port, we investigated the case, which resulted in having the captain arrested. He was committed to the Supreme Court for trial, but the grand jury failing to find a bill he was let out on bail till next term. He had only been at liberty a few days when he was arrested for indecently assaulting two little girls. We prosecuted for this and he received six months hard labor in the City Prison. On his discharge he took passage for Liverpool, G. B. Shortly after his arrival he was arrested for a criminal assault upon a girl 12 years of age. Upon searching his effects, some papers relating to his Halifax doings were found. The authorities of Liverpool communicated with those at Halifax and the City Marshal sent a certified copy of his conviction here. He was tried and got 13 years penal servitude.

Woman reports that her husband beat and ill-used her most cruelly. It appears that she was subject to epileptic fits. The husband used to knock her head on the floor, beat her in the face, kick and otherwise illuse her, and then he would quietly account for the bruises by saying that she did it while in a fit. On this occasion however, he was seen committing the assault by several reliable witnesses. The magistrate told him that he was most cowardly, the fact of his wife being a sickly woman was but a stronger reason why he should be considerate to her instead of acting like a brute. He sentenced him to three months hard labor without the option of a fine.

Woman in the country within a month of her confinement was beaten and kicked by her husband, who also took the sash out of the window (in March,) and drew her bed, in which she was lying sick, up to the open space in order to make her get up. Would not prosecute and only wished him cautioned.

Servant reported that she was turned out at 11 o'clock p. m., a stranger in a strange place, by her mistress who accused her of having blown out the gas instead of turning it off. Would not give up the girl's trunk next day until it had been searched. On enquiry found that the matter of the gas was not at all attributable to the girl but to a member of the family and that the lady had not missed anything from her household. Recovered the girl's wages and trunk.

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