

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7.

(Before Messrs. W. Rand and P. Moran,
Js.P.)

ASSAULT.

Charles Miller Lowe was charged with having assaulted Mary Ann Chicken.

Constable Milton deposed that on Tuesday evening at about 6 o'clock he met the complainant, and, in consequence of a statement made by her, went to her house in Kincaid-street; on arriving there saw the defendant running after his boy in the street; she then gave the defendant in charge for assaulting her, and witness locked him up.

By the Bench : The defendant is the father of the complainant, who is a married woman; the defendant's hand was cut, and he had blood on his knuckles; the complainant had blood on her dress; she said she had been spitting blood through the assault.

By the defendant : When I arrived at the house I saw you tying up some bedding; the blood stains appeared to be fresh; have known you to live at that house for several weeks; did not notice any fire shovel about.

Mary Ann Chicken deposed that the defendant was her father, and came home at about 5 o'clock on Tuesday evening, and commenced tying up some of the things to take away, and when his wife and complainant interfered to prevent it, he began to strike them; complainant paid the rent of the house, and her father and mother paid her one half of it; there was a shovel picked up, she did not know by whom, and both her brother, defendant, and herself had hold of it; defendant struck her on the side, and she then went for the police, and gave him into custody.

By the Bench : He said that he was going to take the things away to another cottage to live separately.

Defendant (to complainant) : Yes, separately from you.

The defendant put a number of questions to the complainant of quite an irrelevant character, which disclosed the fact that there was a general family quarrel between the parties.

The Bench dismissed the case, and intimated that if any further disturbance took place, it would be easy enough to have him bound over to keep the peace.