

there—she was moving her mouth, and seemed to be swallowing something—I put my hand round her throat, put my fingers in her mouth, and took out these two 4d. pieces—I got this sixpence at Miss Brown's.

WILLIAM WENSTER. This sixpence is bad; those two 4d. pieces are bad, and from the same mould.

The prisoner's statement before the Magistrate was here read as follows:
"I am very sorry."

Prisoner's Defence. I am married, and have four children; my husband is a bricklayer, I had been on the drink, away from him; I was not aware that the sixpence was bad; I was in liquor, I had been drinking all the afternoon.

ROSE BROWN re-examined. I did not observe that she was in liquor.

JOHN FORDHAM re-examined. She was sober.

GUILTY.—Confined Six Months.

693. JOHN HUGHES (41) and JOHN SHEPHERD (31) were indicted for a like offence.

MESSES ELLIS and W. J. PAYNE conducted the Prosecution.

JOHN RICHES. I keep the Green Dragon, in St. Pancras. On Tuesday, 9th June, the prisoner Hughes came to my house, and asked for half a pint of porter—he paid me with a bad sixpence, I bent it, and gave it him back—he bent it, and gave me a good half crown; I gave him a 2s. piece, and 5d. in coppers—he went away, and I followed him to the Brill public house, about 200 yards from my house—he there joined Shepherd, and they walked together through Phillips's Buildings, to Wilstead Street—Shepherd went into a marine store shop, and Hughes went into a public house, and had half a pint of beer—when he came out I went in, and saw Mrs. Maw, and from what she said I followed Hughes, and saw Shepherd join him again at the top of Wilstead Street—they went towards Euston Square, and in their going I saw something pass from one to the other; I could not say what it was—they went into Gower Place, to the Barley Corn public house—they both went in there together—when they came out of the Barley Corn I followed them, and saw something pass between them again—I could not see from whom, or to whom—I told the constable what I had seen.

PAULINA MAW. I am the wife of Charles Maw, he keeps the Somers Arms. On 9th June, the prisoner Hughes came for half a pint of beer; he gave me a sixpence, I gave him 5d. change, and put the sixpence into the till—there was no other sixpence there—he drank the beer, and went away directly—soon afterwards the last witness came in—I looked at the sixpence, and found it was bad—I kept it by itself till I gave it to the officer on Wednesday morning.

EDWARD BEAL. I keep the Barley Corn beer shop, in Gower Place. On 9th June, the prisoners came to my house together, Hughes asked for a pint of half and half; I served it, and he gave me a sixpence—I gave him 4d. change, and they went away—I put the sixpence into the till, where I had two or three other sixpences, but I do not know that I had a bad one—I had given change just before, and had looked at the sixpences I had left there, and in my judgment they were good—I went to the till in about twenty minutes, and found one bad sixpence there—no other silver had been put into the till after I took that sixpence from Hughes—I had taken copper, but not silver.

Hughes. Q. After you took the sixpence from me, where did you go?

A. I went on a little business, but I left my son to mind the bar.