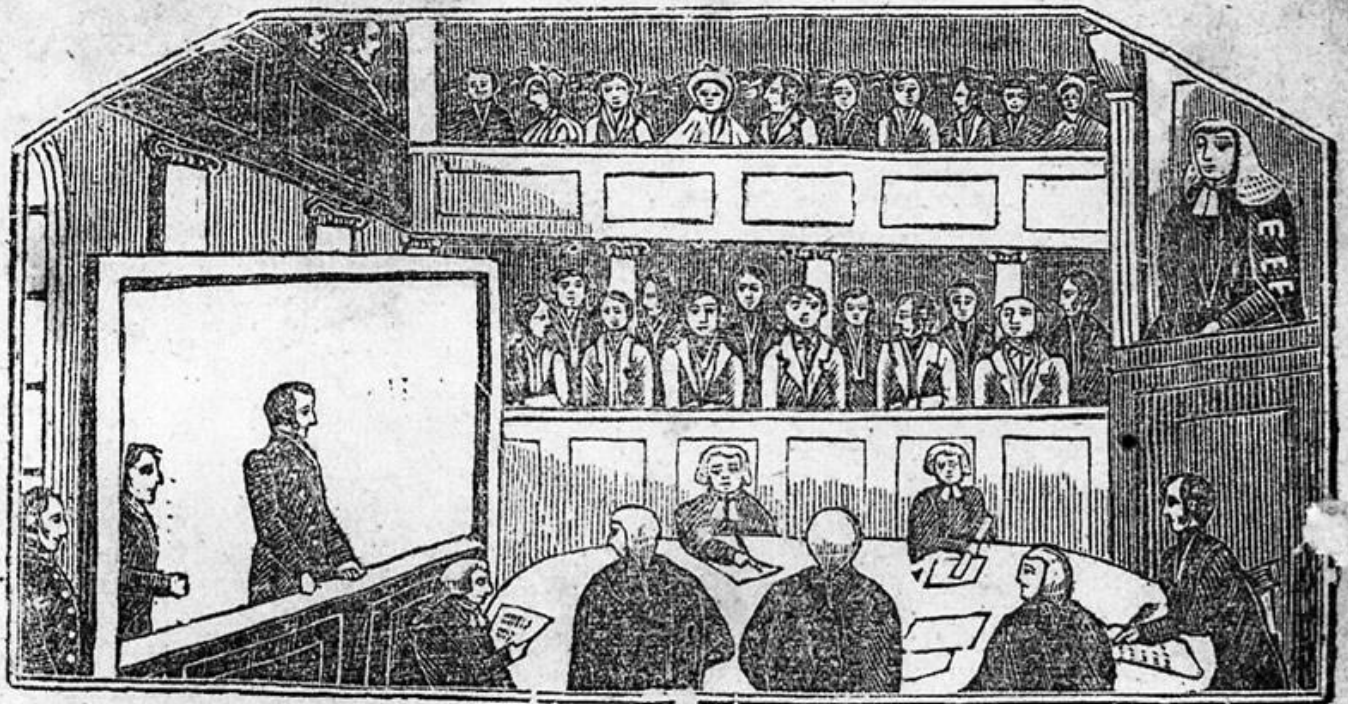


The Trial and Sentence of Mary Arnold.



Mary Arnold the subject of our narrative was born on the 10th of October 1809 at a Farm called Mount Gold [near Witen Wiltton. her parents were humble poor and respectable Farmers, who by their frugality, reared and brought up 7 children, four boys and three girls, who all invariably turned out a great source of trouble to their aged parents or two of the boys when not much more than eighteen years of age were transported, one of them for poaching and the other for house breaking, the girls also turned out very wild and led a dissolute sort of a life, in fact, their poor old mother died broken hearted when Mary Arnold was only about 16 years of age through the misconduct of her children who instead of being a pleasure to their parents all turned a curse and was a great trouble to their poor old age.

Mary who was the youngest of the family and who was a very fine and forward girl, (in fact she was at the age of 14 as much of a grown girl as some females are at 17 or 18) and was taken notice of by Mr. Jas. Ewell a large land holder's son who lived near and who was continually haunting after Mary, he at last insinuated himself into her good graces and likewise to the good old man's house, and where after these intrigues various stratagems at last accomplished his wicked and base design, when her trouble now rose to add to the old man's misfortune, she at last became pregnant, and gave with life a fine little boy, which we are glad to state died when very young, the poor old

man now began to decay through the heap of troubles and at last death put an end to his life. Mary now being thrown on the wide world & having no other friends but her glib seducer, and who it appears began to throw off and discontinue his assistance to her after her father's death, as it generally is the case with these miscreants, now was obliged to take up a new and different course of life, she was obliged to walk the streets which she did for 4 or 5 years, she at last became acquainted with a peckman, who she went and lived with until last November, when he died from consumption being now left almost destitute and driven to the last pitch of poverty began to solicit charity and being a very vicious turn of mind began to do the dreadful act which she has now been tried for, and which we think is the worst of all things we ever before read of, now fancy my readers which of you, "a mother", could take black bullets put them under Wallnut Shells and then bind them over the eyes, so as to make them be continually eating away the eye sight? this remarkable trial caused a deal of excitement, and the court was crowded to excess. The indictment being read over to her, she pleaded not guilty, but the evidence being most conclusive the jury without any hesitation returned a verdict of guilty. The learned judge then proceeded to pass the sentence, and then addressed her as to the enormity of her crime. He then sentenced her to be kept in confinement for 12 months, one week solitary in every month, and then to be transported for ten years, which will send her from the country for life.—The child in the mean while will be taken care of by the blind Asylum.

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