

## STABBING A CHINAMAN AT BRAYBROOK.

At the Footscray Police Court, on Wednesday, before Messrs. Dove, Sims, and Reid, J. F. s, William John Walker, a labourer, living at Braybrook, was charged on warrant with cutting and wounding, with intent to do grievous bodily harm to one Ah Teck, a Chinese tea hawker. The affair occurred on the 20th March.

Ah Teck, a tea hawker, living at 18 Little Bourke-street, Melbourne, stated that he was at the prisoner's place at Braybrook on the 20th inst. He went there to sell some tea, having previously had dealings with the prisoner and his wife. When he arrived at the prisoner's house the door was closed. He knocked, and an answer was made by some one from the inside. The door was not opened, and he went away. He had not gone 100 yards from the house when the prisoner called to him, saying, "John, you come back." Witness went to the house, and stood outside. The prisoner came from an inner room with a butcher's knife in his right hand. He rushed at witness, and attempted to stab him in the right side. In warding off the blow he got stabbed in the right arm. The prisoner did not say anything at the time. After being stabbed, witness struck the prisoner with the stick he had to carry the parcels with. He had coffee in a basket and tea in a carpet bag. Before stabbing him, the prisoner threw away the basket and carpet bag. Witness bled very much, and ran away to a house occupied by a person named Mrs. Berry. She washed the wound, and tied it up with a piece of rag. Witness was afterwards brought to the police station at Footscray in a spring cart. On getting to the station he saw the prisoner in company with Senior constable Kelly. Witness showed the constable the wound in the prisoner's presence, and told him how it was received. The same day he went to the Melbourne Hospital, and had been a patient there since.

Cross-examined.—The prisoner owed him 12s. 8d. when he went to the house. When he called at the house he did not know if the prisoner was at home. On going back to the house he did not put his basket and bag down, and raise his stick, saying, "Me no take two shilling; pay me the whole of the money." Witness asked if the prisoner had any money for him that day. This was before he was struck.

To the Bench.—The stick was not tipped with iron, and was not broken in striking the prisoner. There was no dispute before witness was stabbed. The prisoner was sober.

Edwin Hinchcliff, resident surgeon at the Melbourne Hospital, stated—The prosecutor was brought to him at the Hospital about half-past 6 o'clock on the evening of the 20th inst. There was an incised wound, about three inches in length, on the outer side of his right forearm. It had been stitched up by two stitches before he saw it. There was a clot of blood beneath the skin about the size of half an orange. He removed the stitches and the clot, and found that the wound extended deeply into the muscles of the forearm. An artery was divided, which bled freely after removing the clot of blood. Witness secured the artery, which was difficult to do on account of the depth of the wound. The prosecutor has been a patient at the hospital ever since. The man was not in danger from the wound. A butcher's knife would cause just such a wound.

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Mary Berry stated that the prosecutor came to her house about 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 20th inst. He was bleeding profusely, and seemed weak from the loss of blood. He remained at her house about a quarter of an hour, and then was taken towards Footscray in a spring cart.

Daniel Kelly, senior constable in charge of the Footscray Police Station, stated that the prisoner came to him about 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 20th inst., and asked if he could not get a warrant for the arrest of a Chinaman. Witness said he could not give a warrant, and prisoner complained that he had been assaulted. He was very much excited, and was weeping. Just as prisoner was leaving the prosecutor came up, and on hearing his statement of the case, witness locked the prisoner up. Witness then accompanied the prosecutor to Dr. Simpson at Footscray, who stitched the wound up.

The prisoner reserved his defence, and was committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.