

**OUTRAGE BY A CAB PROPRIETOR AT HUDDERSFIELD.**—Joseph Lodge, cab and omnibus proprietor, Swan-yard, Kirkgate, Huddersfield, was summoned before the Huddersfield magistrates yesterday, on a charge of assaulting Hannah Mellor, a married woman, residing in Thomas-street. Defendant did not appear, but his solicitor, Mr. Learoyd, stated that he was instructed to plead guilty, and to submit to a fine of 10s. The bench desired to hear something of the case, and the complainant stated that on Saturday night a friend of her's engaged a cab to take her to the Three Nuns Inn, Mirfield, and the fare was paid there and back. The defendant drove the cab, and as she was returning he stopped the vehicle at the back of Bradely Mills, and said it was customary for the cabman to ride inside at night. She refused to allow him, and said if there was anything extra to pay to ride alone she would pay it. He began to assault her, and she said she would make him pay for it. He said he would not be made to pay for nothing, and he kicked her severely on the leg and right side. She then said, "Let me alone and I will go home." He said, "If you do not promise me that you will not make any bother about it, I will throw you over the hedge." The cab proceeded a short distance, and then the defendant again assaulted her and tore her clothes. She was obliged to walk home. On the following day she saw the defendant, and said she should prosecute him. He said Mr. Learoyd had won him one case, and he did not mind "wearing" another £5; Mr. Learoyd would win for him again. He also threatened to knock her head against the ceiling.—Police-constable Lee proved that the complainant had come to him on Saturday night with her clothes torn, and had told him that the defendant had illused her. He advised her to take out a warrant.—Mr. Hirst, one of the magistrates, said it was a most disgraceful case. If people were to be assaulted when they went out in a cab at night there was an end of all security.—Mr. Learoyd said the woman was not more respectable than she ought to be.—The bench said whatever the character of the woman it did not justify the defendant in treating her that way.—The defendant was fined 40s. and costs, total £3 2s., or in default two months' imprisonment.