

A YOUNG WOMAN CHARGED WITH BIGAMY AT WAKEFIELD.—At the West Riding Police-court, Wakefield, yesterday, a young woman of a quiet and respectable appearance was brought up on a charge of bigamy. It appears the prisoner, who was undefended, has lived for some time past at Mirfield with her father. In August, 1861, she being then about eighteen years of age, married a young man named Robert Woodhead, who is now employed as a luggage guard by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company. After living together for about two years they separated. She continued to live at Mirfield until a short time ago, when she became acquainted with a coal miner residing at Altofts, near Normanton, named John Quarmby, and they were married at Normanton, on the 9th July last, on the representation that she was a widow. On the 4th of the present month as Quarmby came home from his work he found that his new wife had flown, taking with her his first wife's clothes. In endeavouring to regain his bride he states that he made the unpleasant discovery that she was the wife of another man, and thereupon commenced the present proceedings. In opposition to the prosecutor's statement the woman stated, and called several witnesses in confirmation, that Quarmby, who is much older than she, did all he could to persuade her to marry him though he was told repeatedly she had a husband living. He offered to stand between her and danger, she said, and vowed he would pay all expenses if any bother arose, telling her that he had a nice home and several acres of land. Quarmby denied having been told that her former husband was living. The bench committed the prisoner to the assizes, but admitted her to bail.