

DEWSBURY.

THEFTS BY A MIRFIELD MAN.—At the West Riding Court-house yesterday, Frank Thornton, collier, of Mirfield, was committed for three months on two charges of robbery. It was proved that in July last, between three and four o'clock on the morning of the 24th, the prisoner and two other men were seen in a plantation belonging to Mr. Brooke, near Mirfield Moor, by Police-constable Chapman. The officer went to see what they were about, but on noticing him they fled. He gave chase, and was rapidly overtaking a man wearing an overcoat, when the person threw off the garment, and along with the other two made his escape. Chapman, however, saw who the man was—that he was Frank Thornton—but was not able to apprehend him until a few days ago. The coat was found to be the property of Mr. John Sykes, farmer, Mirfield Moor, and in the pockets were two hens, identified as part of four that had been killed and carried away from Mr. Brooke's poultry-house. The prisoner admitted his guilt.