

Chimney on Fire Sheffield Man's Method of Drying Pit Prop

A novel method of drying a 3 foot, pit-prop, had a sequel at the Sheffield Police Court today, when Harry Palmer, of 45 Clement Street, was summoned for having his chimney on fire on December 20th last.

A police witness said that when he questioned defendant, the latter denied that the fire was his. Upon the occupant of number 47 also denying responsibility the officer visited the defendant's house again, and upon going round to the back, saw Palmer carrying a 3 foot pit-prop out of the house, blazing from end to end.

The defendant said he had put it up the chimney the night before to "get dry" and it had caught fire.

The Bench fined him 10s.