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MIDDLESEX ADJOURNED SESSIONS, Jan. 22.

Lewis Pappalardo was indicted for assaulting William Belaney.

It appeared in evidence that the defendant, a Malay, was an old shipmate of the prosecutor, who had generously given him food and shelter while he was in distress, in consequence of being unable to procure a ship. Belaney, having got a situation as carpenter on board a West Indiaman, went to sea, leaving the defendant at home, and charging his wife to supply him with any relief he might require. On his return he proceeded to his house, where he found the defendant and his wife, and soon learned that they had been living on terms rather too familiar for him to tolerate. He dismissed his ungrateful shipmate, but the next day, during his temporary absence, his wife absconded. He discovered her retreat at a late hour in the evening, and found that she had taken a room as the wife of the defendant. He insisted upon her return to her lawful home, when the Malay commenced a pugilistic attack, but finding that "Jack" could use his fists with more execution than himself, he seized a pair of tongs, and with one murderous blow on the head levell'd him to the ground. In addition to these aggravating circumstances, a great portion of his property had been carried off by his wretched wife and her ugly paramour.

The defendant, who said he had not a friend in this country but the prosecutor, was found guilty, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment.
