

## HELP ONE ANOTHER.

It is not always wise to accept assistance. Alexander Mackenzie, a labourer, offered to help Samuel Paltie, a second-hand dealer, of Sussex-street, to carry a bag on 27th ultimo, and, seeing that Mackenzie was strong and young—a 'tittle over 30—Paltie permitted him to be useful. The dealer was packing the bag with a sailor's kit, when Mackenzie entered his shop, and the two afterwards walked along the street together, Paltie carrying the kit for delivery. Mackenzie offered to give him a hand to carry it, and Paltie left it in his charge whilst he went into an office. When he came outside again, Mackenzie was not to be seen, the conclusion being that he had "helped" himself. He was brought before the Water Police Court yesterday, and charged with stealing the bag and its contents, and he acknowledged that he had done wrong, but he had not stolen anything. He had gone away to get a drink, and, alas! he himself had been a victim of thieving hands. The magistrate—Mr. Isaacs—sent the man to gaol for a month's hard labour.

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