

# "YOU CANNOT TOUCH ME FOR THAT."

## Man Who Threw Cracker in Queen-street.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE EPISODE.

"You can't touch me for that. It is Christmas time."

This was alleged by a constable in the Police Court, before Mr. P. M. Hishon, P.M. yesterday, to have been the remark made by Gustav Plisch, of 60 King-street, East Brisbane on Jan. 1, when he was questioned for having thrown lighted crackers in Queen-street.

PLISCH appeared in the Police Court on summons on a charge that he committed a breach of the Explosives Act by firing fireworks. He pleaded not guilty.

Senior-sergeant D. M'Grath prosecuted.

Evidence by the police was to the effect that defendant, while walking along Queen-street five minutes after midnight on December 31, threw three lighted crackers into the street. Each of the crackers exploded. A constable

subsequently spoke to him, and defendant made the statement repeated above. The police then confiscated the crackers and took defendant's name and address.

Constable Wing, cross-examined by defendant, denied that when he asked defendant to produce the crackers he pulled his (defendant's) shirt out.

#### Defendant's Evidence.

Defendant, giving evidence, denied having thrown the crackers. He was accompanied in Queen-street by his son, and when the police approached

them they asked him to produce his crackers. He accordingly put the crackers on the ground, whereupon one of the police said, "If I have to search you you will know you have been

searched."

The constables then pulled out his shirt and almost exposed him. They also pulled out his son's shirt.

Later one of the constables said to

him, "Get home, you scum of the earth."

Mr. Hishon: Did you throw any lighted crackers?

Defendant: No. I am getting too old for that.

#### "I Threw a Cracker."

Charles Plisch, giving evidence, stated that he threw a cracker and was taken aback when the constables accused his father of having done so.

Defendant was fined 5s, with 6s costs, in default 24 hours' imprisonment.