



CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest on Mary Bunce

Inquests taken before Mr. Whitmarsh

At Aldbourn, on the body of Mary Bunce, 43 years of age. William Bunce, the husband, deposed that on Sunday morning last, at half-past 9 o'clock, he left home to go to a camp meeting in the same place, leaving his wife without seeming unwell. At a quarter past eleven the same morning Patience Liddiard, a neighbour, came to him saying that his wife had got a fit, and she thought she was dead. He then went back and found such was the case. A short time before Rachel Bunce, a relative, had called at the house of deceased, when on going in she found her alone, lying dead across the brick floor downstairs. She was on her face, and appeared to have fallen out of her chair. Mr. Whitmore, surgeon, stated that on examining the body he discovered a lacerated wound over the left eye caused no doubt by her falling against a stool under the table. There was a small quantity of blood on the floor, which he thought has escaped partly from the wound, and partly from the mouth. She was subject of epileptic fits and he was of opinion that she died from one on that occasion. Verdict, "Visitation of God."

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