

Boy Loses an Ear 1868

Chute Standen



Last week, Edwy Richard Smith, aged 13, son of Mr James Smith, postmaster of Chute Standen, had been to Langley on business, to which place he rode on a pony that had long been in Mr Smith's possession and constantly used by his sons.

On the boy's return, he sent the pony into the stable and followed with the bridle, when the animal fiercely attacked him, knocked him down and bit his left ear off closely and cleanly, then it bolted from the stable, dropping the ear at the stable door.

The boy, as he best could, made his way to a smith's shop adjoining, where his father was at work, and told of his injury, which was visible from the blood flowing freely.

He was taken home and a doctor sent for, who, on his arrival sewed on the ear, but it did not adhere, and has since dropped off owing, it may be, to the length of time, two hours, that elapsed before medical aid could be procured.

The poor boy, who suffered most patiently, is still very weak, and it will be a long time before he is entirely restored to health.

Drs Pike, Covey and Stevens are attending him. Mr Smith has since, very properly, had the pony shot.

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