



CORONERS INQUESTS



Male Child Of Ada Wells

Alleged Child Murder

Mr. Coroner Waylen and a jury of thirteen were engaged for a considerable time on Saturday (Boxing Day) in investigating the cause of death of a newly-born male child, which was found in a box in a bedroom at No 30, Long Street, Devizes, on the 23rd inst., under circumstances which seemed to point to a very serious conclusion. On Tuesday evening the accused, a girl of about 18, named Ada Wells, retired to rest with a fellow-servant at Mr. D. G. Wilson Rumsey's, 30, Long Street (in whose employ she had been for three months). About midnight Mr. Rumsey heard sounds from the girls' room which caused him to call to them not to make so much noise. Next morning, owing to the appearance of the girl's bedroom, she was suspected of having given birth to a child. The police were called in, and to them she admitted that she had been delivered of a child, whose body was in her box. It was found that a string had been tied round the child's neck very tight, and the jury found that this was the cause of death.

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