

Parish News

Hankerton



A Chapter of Accidents

On Saturday last Mr Tyler, a farmer residing at Hankerton, had gone to Malmesbury with a valuable mare, and on his return from thence reached home between 5 and 6 in the evening. He gave the mare to his son, who put her in the stable with the cart horses. A candle was then burning. Mr Tyler's son, on leaving the stable, gave instructions to the person in charge of the horses, when the cart horses were taken to the pasture field to leave the candle burning, as he should return in a short time and would see to it and the mare. On returning to the stable, they found the poor mare enveloped in flames. They immediately removed her, and did all in their power to alleviate the poor thing's sufferings. The animal died about one o'clock the next day. The fire in the stable was soon extinguished, and fortunately for Mr Tyler the animal's life was insured in the Sun Office. It is thought a spark from the candle must have fallen on some straw in the stable.

In the same parish, the other day, a little boy when at play with some schoolfellows, had the misfortune to put his ankle out and break his leg.

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