



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## Mary Birch

Inquests taken before Mr. Whitmarsh

At Preshute, on the body of Mary Birch, 18 years of age.

From the husband's statement it appeared that his wife had lately been in a depressed state of mind, so much so, that he had procured a servant to attend her. As he was in his master's yard adjoining his cottage, his servant being alarmed at a noise she had heard upstairs, ran out and asked him to go in-doors, which he did, and discovered that his wife had cut her throat in her bedroom. A medical gentleman was soon in attendance. After lingering a week, she died from the injuries she had inflicted upon herself. Verdict, "Temporary derangement."

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