



A Typical Victorian well

Death In A Well

A labouring man, who resided at Ramsbury, met his death a few days ago in a well 175 ft deep, which was being cleaned out on the farm of Mr Mackrill, at Soley, near Hungerford. He descended the well at about three o'clock in the afternoon, and sent up several buckets of chalk, but after this nothing was heard of him for three hours, when the men working above heard him speak, and called out to him to ascend in the bucket, but he simply answered, "I cannot." Strange to say, although a number of persons congregated around the top of the well, no one had the courage to descend, and at last a man named Thomas Everett arrived from Ramsbury, and having descended the well, found the poor fellow not quite dead, but he expired before he could be got to the surface. The deceased was in the well for about 12 hours. He leaves a widow and family unprovided for, and the wife is near her confinement.

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