



In The News

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

On Saturday, the 9th inst., as some cows the property of Mr Raxworthy, of Upton Lovell, were being driven through the town, one of them became furious, and when near the Pack Horns Inn, East-street, made an attack on a basket of clothes standing on a pair of trucks at the roadside, which had undergone the cleansing process by the hands of the washerwoman, but which process the animal again made necessary by tumbling the contents of the basket into the dirt and tossing them about the street. After venting its fury on the clothes basket the beast ran against the nursemaid and child of Mr Yeates, baker of the town, knocking them down and bruising the child though not seriously, and, as a matter of course, very much frightening the girl.- After the above occurrence, an accident of a more serious nature happened, very near the same spot. It appears some horses in a waggon, belonging to Mr Hitchcocks, of Chitterne, were going homewards from this town, driven by a carter and boy; and when near the Rose and Crown Inn, the horses took fright and ran away; the boy, in endeavouring to stop them fell, and one of the wheels of the waggon passed over him. Medical attendance was immediately procured, when, fortunately, it was found that no bones were broken, and the boy miraculously escaped with a few severe bruises. The horses proceeded towards Boreham, but the turnpike gate being luckily closed they were there stopped, and secured without doing further mischief.

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