

Horse And Phaeton Accident

On Monday evening a horse and phaeton belonging to the landlord of the Bath Arms Inn, Warminster, and hired by a lady to take her to Bath, were proceeding down the hill beyond the Devonshire Buildings, the horse became restive and started off a full speed, to the great alarm of the lady and driver, and on arriving at the Holloway turnpike gate it was with such violence against the middle post that it dropped down and died instantly. The driver was thrown a distance of several yards, and he was severely struck in the head and one of his shoulders, but after rallying, he was able to walk, with assistance, into Bath. The lady, fortunately, kept firm hold of the side of the phaeton, or she would probably have been thrown out also, but she only slipped down between the wheels, and escaped with a few bruises. A fly happening to pass at the time, she was taken by it into the town. On the carriage being examined, it was found that the hinder bar of the shafts and the irons of the splashboard were broken, and the inspection of the former led to the discovery of the cause of the accident. The middle part of this bar had been nearly broken before, and the point of a nail protruded, which goaded the animal as it was going down the hill. The driver was received into the United Hospital, and the injuries he received were found to amount to only a few bruises.

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