

Land & Buildings Alvediston



A Fatal Fire

On Sunday morning, about two o'clock, a fire broke out on the farm of Mr. Rogers, and destroyed six valuable horses, 80 sacks of winnowed wheat, and 60 sacks of horse corn. Another horse was so badly burnt that in all probability it will have to be destroyed. The only one that escaped was blind. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the carelessness of the carter, who went to sleep with an unexhausted pipe or matches in his possession. He was very severely burnt, and is now at the Salisbury Infirmary.

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An inquest was held on Wednesday last, at the Salisbury Infirmary, before R. M. Wilson, Esq., on the body of Geo. Weeks, a carter in the employ of Mr. Rogers, of Alvediston. It appears that on the night of the 10th instant the deceased was sleeping over the stables on his master's farm at Elcombe, when from some unaccountable cause a fire broke out, and so rapid was the progress of the flames that he poor fellow with difficulty escaped, by not before he had received frightful injuries, which terminated in death on Tuesday last. A verdict was returned in accordance with the above facts.

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