



# *Coroners Inquest Reports*

## *Devizes*

An Inquest was held before John Slade, esq., the coroner for this borough (Devizes), on Friday last, on the body of a blacksmith of the name of William Bower, who was found dead in his bed by his wife by his side. It appears that the deceased had been labouring under a disease of the heart; but had been seen by several persons during Thursday walking about, and went to bed as usual. His wife on awakening in the morning of Friday heard a gurgling sound in his throat, which alarmed her, and she called a neighbour, but on her return to the bedroom she found her husband quite dead: medical assistance was immediately procured, but too late to be of any avail. – Verdict – Visitation of God.

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