



Coroner's Inquest Report

Inquest on Sidney Collier

An Inquest was held on Thursday afternoon at Dilton Marsh by Mr. F. A. P. Sylvester (coroner) touching the death of Sidney Collier, who committed suicide on the previous day by cutting his throat with a razor. Evidence was given showing that the deceased, who was 28 years of age, had been employed on the ironworks, but had not been able to do anything for the past five months, having undergone an operation for the removal of a cancer last May. This made him low spirited and depressed. During Tuesday night he got up, and in the company of his wife sat in the kitchen for two hours. He then went into another room where he drank about a quarter of a pint of carbolic acid lotion, and returned to the kitchen and took a razor from a shelf. His wife tried to stop him, but he attempted to draw it across her throat, whereupon she ran out for assistance. Deceased then cut his throat, expiring almost immediately

The jury returned a verdict of "suicide while of unsound mind"

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