



CORONERS INQUEST

Isaac Miles



A Drunkard Suffocated and then Burnt in his Bed: An inquest was held at the King's Head Inn by the Coroner Mr. F. T. Sylvester on Tuesday on the body of Isaac Miles (32) a labourer at the Iron Works who was found dead in bed that morning, with the upper part of his body badly burnt. It appeared that in consequence of his drunken habits, his wife to whom he had only been married for three months, left him on Saturday and did not return. On Monday evening the deceased went home the worse from drink, and after retiring to rest it is assumed he lit his pipe and then fell asleep. The next morning the house was discovered full of smoke, and on an entrance being affected the deceased was found lying in the bed which was on fire. The flames were speedily extinguished, and it was found that the upper part of the deceased's body was badly charred by the fire. The jury, of whom Mr. C Jones was the foreman, returned a verdict that death resulted from accidental suffocation.

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