



People and Accidents

Seend

1825

On Monday se'nnight a bull, the property of Mr Harrington, of Wedhampton, which had got from the field into the road at Lydeaway, attacked the fore horse of a team belonging to Mr Stratton, of Seend, and gored the animal so dreadfully that it died in the spot. The middle horse would probably have shared the same fate, had not the driver procured assistance, and bear the furious animal off. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 11 August 1825**

1839

A serious accident, likely to have proved fatal, occurred at Seend, on Saturday evening last, to Mr Smith, the respected traveller of Messrs Tylee, brewers of this town. Mr Smith fell from his horse (supposed to have been occasioned by a fit), and received such severe injuries in his head, chest &c that his life was for some time despaired of; but through the timely and unceasing attention of Mr Hoare, surgeon of Seend, we are happy to state that his life has been providentially preserved, and he is now in a fair way of recovery. **Wiltshire Independent Thursday 25 July 1839**

1841

A fatal accident had nearly befallen William Figgins, servant to Mr Grace, of the Castle Inn, Devizes, on Friday evening, the 8th inst, who on returning from Melksham with a fly, fortunately empty, was precipitated to the ground on his head, occasioned by the near wheel falling off, the linchpin having been neglected to be secured. The poor fellow was taken in an insensible state to the New Inn, Seend, where he has been ever since; and hopes are now entertained of his recovery, from the unremitting attentions of Mr Hoare, the surgeon, and of Mr and Mrs Cox, of the New Inn, who have afforded him every comfort that humanity could dictate. The poor man has a wife and four children, the youngest only a fortnight old, wholly dependent on him.

The horse (a spirited one) took fright and dragged the fly with the three wheels a mile and a half before he stopped.

A similar accident, we understand, occurred on the same evening to the York House down coach. In passing through Melksham, the coachman and another person on the box were thrown from their seats, and received very serious injury. As persons value their lives, therefore, they should at all times attend to the safety of the linchpins. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 18 January 1841**

1842

As Mr Ludlow Bruges was on Monday week about to return from Hinton to Seend, and in the act of getting upon his horse, the animal went off at a furious pace before Mr Bruges had time to place his right foot in the stirrup.

After proceeding some distance, the horse suddenly stopped and the violent and unexpected check threw Mr Bruges to the ground, and falling on his head we sincerely regret to state he was much injured, and remained insensible for a short time.

He was taken to his house as soon as possible, and his numerous friends will be happy to hear that, under the care of Mr Clark the surgeon of Devizes, he is now gradually getting better. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 31 March 1842**

1843

The sanative powers of Nature have been strikingly manifested in a case of accident which the week before last came under the care of Mr Hoare, surgeon of Seend.

As Thomas Somner, the postman, was returning from Melksham to Seend, in a cart, the horse took fright and ran away, precipitating Somner with great violence from the cart, and, his head striking forcibly against the reave of one of the wheels, his face was severely bruised, and his left ear by some unaccountable means so completely torn out of its socket, that on Mr Hoare's arrival it was found hanging down on his shoulder by the slightest portion of skin.

Mr H immediately replaced the dissevered member, and essayed the apparently hopeless experiment of making it unite by sutures and adhesive straps to its former attachments. In this he completely succeeded; the ear is again firmly ensconced in its normal position, and poor Somner, looking as comely as ever, has resumed his accustomed avocations. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Saturday 11 November 1843**