



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## Inquest Report on Fanny Hatherill

### Shocking Accident

The danger of walking on the railway received another exemplification on Thursday, when Mr. Whitmarsh, coroner for North Wilts, held an inquiry respecting the death of Fanny Hatherill, a young woman residing at Stratton St. Margaret, near Swindon. The inhabitants of the village in question are mainly composed of operatives in Swindon factory, who, in spite of repeated warning and prosecutions, persist in going to and returning from the factory by walking on the main line of the Great Western Railway. On Wednesday evening the deceased woman was returning from Swindon when she was overtaken by the 4.10 express. The whistle was sounded, and the deceased became confused, and before she had time to run to the other side of the line she was struck by the buffer of the engine and the base of her skull fractured. She was taken up in a dying state, and the train backed into the Swindon station, where she died shortly after her arrival. The jury returned a verdict of 'Accidental Death'.

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