

Charity Adams

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A WOMAN DISCOVERED HANGED. — An inquest was held on Thursday, at the Sir John Barleycorn, Deadman's-lane, Newport, before Mr. F. Blake, coroner, on the body of Charity Adams, who was discovered suspended to a bedstead on the previous evening. Isaac Adams, the husband of the deceased, stated that he saw his wife alive on the previous evening, between 7 and 8 o'clock. She left him to go to bed. He remained in the house until a little before 9 o'clock, and on going up-stairs to bed, he found deceased tied to the bedstead, kneeling, as he thought, on the floor. There was a rope round her neck fastened to the bedstead. He raised her, and place her in the bed; she had evidently been in her bed before. The deceased was of a weakly constitution, and a little soon affected her. She had partaken of a noggin of rum about 3 o'clock in the afternoon; he also believed she had taken some beer. She refused to take a light to go to bed. There was no quarrel between them. She was very jealous of him, especially when she had had something to drink.—Reuben Wheeler said he lived next door to deceased; she came into his house at dinner time; she was excited and could not walk steadily. Adams called in his wife between 7 and 8 o'clock on the evening alluded to; his wife found her in the position describe by Adams, with a rope round her neck. He assisted in removing the rope. She had evidently been taking more drink than usual.—Margaret Blackburn, on being examined, corroborated the evidence of Adams. The deceased was evidently jealous of her husband. Witness went for the surgeon. The deceased had been freely partaking of drink. — Mr. Tuttiett, surgeon, said he was sent for on the night in question. He found the deceased on her bed; life was extinct, and judging from appearances she had been dead half-an-hour. There was a mark round her neck, such as would be caused by a cord. Her features were congested. The cord had pressed forward and caused suffocation, considering she was feeble and of intemperate habits. There was no mark of violence nor any appearance of her having been strangled, and he believed she had died of her own act.—The jury returned a verdict of "Temporary insanity"

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