

**Annie Gates**

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**NEWPORT**

**REMARKABLE DEATH.**

On Wednesday evening the Acting Deputy Coroner for the Island (Mr. J. Eldridge) held an inquest at the Leigh Richmond Hall, Newport, on the body of Annie Gates, aged 48, wife of Albert Henry Gates, labourer, of 8, Chapel-street, Newport, who died under somewhat remarkable circumstances on the previous Monday evening.

The evidence showed that the deceased, who asked her husband to remain at home on Monday, complained to a neighbour (Mrs. Cass) of a feeling of suffocation in the afternoon, and was told to go to bed. She went upstairs, and rapidly becoming worse, returned downstairs, where she tried to speak, but was unable to do so.

Dr. Castle attended her, but was unable to account for her condition from external symptoms. He gave her an emetic and otherwise treated deceased, who died at 11 o'clock that night. A post-mortem revealed the fact that deceased was suffering from acute pleuro-pneumonia, which had caused her death, and the doctor said it was very extraordinary that the woman should have been able to keep about so long in that condition.

Dr. Thompson agreed.

The jury returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

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