

Louisa Miller

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THE NEWPORT SUICIDE

Mr. E. F. Blake, Coroner for the Isle of Wight, has conducted an inquiry at the Britannia, Hunnyhill, Newport, respecting the death of Louisa Miller, aged 47, the wife of an assistant warder at Parkhurst Prison, who committed suicide by cutting her throat.

Deceased and her family lived at 14, Merton-terrace, and had been in the Island about nine months. The husband deposed that they had been married 28 years, and he was sorry to say his wife was an habitual drunkard, and had left him five times since he had been at Parkhurst. He believed the poor thing hardly knew what she was doing. One of her near relatives had died in an asylum.

The evidence of deceased's son showed that he had prevented his mother from drinking some Jay's fluid – a disinfectant. On another night he found her upstairs with her throat cut and a razor near her. In the afternoon she said to him "See if I don't show you a funny wrinkle before seven o'clock." He asked her what she meant, and she replied "Best known to myself." There had been no quarrel. – Dr. Coombes said that the wound in deceased's throat was 2½ inches long, the jugular being severed.

Verdict: That deceased committed suicide whilst in a state of unsound mind.

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