

## **Albert Francis Price**

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### **STRANGE DEATH AT NEWPORT.**

On Wednesday afternoon the Deputy Coroner for the Island (Mr. F.A. Joyce) held an inquest at Newport on the body of Albert F. Price, aged 47, who was found dead in bed on the previous morning by his uncle, Mr. Woodford, with whom he had lived for a long time at 7, New-street, Newport. The evidence was to the effect that deceased, who formerly worked in a tobacco factory at Portsmouth, had for some years been living with his uncle, whom he had assisted in bootmaking till a year ago, when deceased gave up work on account of his health. Deceased then went upstairs, and had scarcely been out of his bedroom since. Deceased declined to have a doctor in to see him, being very stubborn about that, and he took his meals all right on the day before his death. The woman who "cleaned up" downstairs said she knew the place upstairs was in a bad state, but deceased would not have anyone up to attend to him, and shouted downstairs that he was all right. When he went upstairs he said he wished himself out of this world. - Dr. Castle said death was due to syncope, the result of fatty degeneration of the heart, and a verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned. The Jury added a rider calling the attention of the Sanitary Authority to the condition of the premises.

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