

James Gardner

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INQUESTS. -

- Another inquest was held at the House of Industry on Monday, before the same coroner (Fredk. Blake, esq.,) on the body of James Gardner, a groom, aged 48 years, who expired suddenly on the previous Saturday evening at the Bugle-inn tap, Newport. The evidence went to show that deceased went to the house between 2 and 3 o'clock that afternoon, when he appeared quite sober. He complained of being unwell and that he had a cold. From that time to 6 o'clock he had five two-penny-worths of gin and sometimes brandy, all of which were mixed with water. About 6 o'clock he had a cup of tea, and whilst Mrs. Dyer, the landlady, was having her tea she heard a noise in the tap room and went there, when she found deceased as if fallen on the table. She called to a man who was passing the house at the time, and he went in and sponged his face with cold water. He then revived and said he was better, and sat up and finished his tea. About 7 o'clock Mr. William Dyer, the landlord, went in and saw deceased lying on the table, but thinking he was asleep he took no further notice and left, but shortly afterward sent Henry Kemp in to see how he was; and being alarmed at his appearance he sent for medical assistance, and on the arrival of Mr. Beckingsale, the surgeon, he found life extinct, and considered that death was occasioned by natural causes. The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

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