

Kate Ellis

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NEWPORT.

DEATH OF AN INFANT BY OVERCROWDING - An inquest was held on Friday morning at the Town Hall, before the Deputy-Coroner (E F Blake, Esq.), upon the body of the infant daughter of Sarah Ellis, of 6, Pyle-street. - The evidence of Dr Foster, who was called in to see the child at 8 o'clock on Thursday morning, went to show that the infant died from the effects of suffocation through sleeping in a bed only three feet wide with two adult persons. There was not the slightest possibility of there being sufficient room for the child to breathe. He considered the treatment of the mother had been most inhuman, seeing that she had not attended regularly to the child's wants. - The jury, however, took a merciful view of the case, and returned a verdict of accidental death by suffocation. The mother, Sarah Ellis, a woman of abandoned character, was called in, and severely censured by the coroner, who told her that she was morally responsible for her infant's death.

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