

## **William Russell and Amy Irene Henning**

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### **NEWPORT.**

TWO SUDDEN DEATHS were reported to the Coroner, (Edward F. Blake, Esq.) during the Christmas holidays. On the morning of Christmas-eve William Russell, aged 38, deformed and crippled, employed as a tailor and living alone over Mr. Upton's harness-maker's shop at 42, Pyle-street, was found dead at the foot of the stairs. On the previous evening deceased, who seemed in his usual health, was at the King's Head, where he had made arrangements for having his dinner on Christmas-eve and Christmas-day, and it was when the servant went to call him for dinner deceased was found cold and stiff. Dr. Coombs was called in, but he being unable to certify as to the cause of death the case was reported to the Coroner, who decided that an inquest was unnecessary, it being conjectured that deceased experienced a seizure on commencing what was to him the very laborious task of getting upstairs. The Coroner came to a similar decision in the case of the death of Amy Irene Henning, the infant child of Mr. Samuel A. Henning, railway porter, living in Sea-street, who was found dead on the pillow by her mother on waking early on Christmas morning. The child had been delicate from birth, and the opinion of Dr. Stanley Foster, who was called in, was that death was due to convulsions. Dr. Coombs has previously prescribed for deceased. The funeral of the former, who was a member of the P.S.A. [Pleasant Sunday Afternoon] brotherhood, took place at the Newport Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. C.H. Davis officiating.

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