

Ellen Jane Vincent

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INQUEST. – On Thursday morning a child, six weeks old, was found dead in bed at a house in South-street, and in the afternoon an inquest was held at the Green Dragon Inn, by Mr E.F. Blake, deputy coroner for the Island. – It appeared from the evidence of the mother, Mary Jane Vincent, a single woman, living in South-street, that the child cried very much at night. She went to Mr Milledge, chemist, who gave her some mixture. She was to give the child five drops three times a day. She gave it a dose on Wednesday night, and the child slept better. Some time in the night the child woke up and cried, but she pacified it, and it went to sleep again. At 9 o'clock she found the child lying by her side dead, in the same position as she had placed it. – Mr Milbourne Coombes, a surgeon practicing in Newport, said at first he thought the child had died from convulsions, but after seeing the marks upon it he thought death was most probably caused by suffocation. – Mr Alfred Milledge said the mixture was very harmless; a teaspoonful would not have injured the child. – The Coroner summed up, but the jury were not unanimous as to the cause of death, and the inquest was adjourned till Friday, in order that a *post mortem* examination might be made. – On Friday Mr Coombes gave the result of his examination, and the jury returned a verdict "That the deceased was suffocated, but there was not sufficient evidence to show if accidentally or otherwise."

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