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George CASHFORD. Head. M. 36. Gardener. Cranbrook, Kent.

Letitia CASHFORD. Wife. M. 36. Wortley, Hants.

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Letitia CASHFORD. Dau. 9. Scholar. Ryde, IW.

George CASHFORD jnr. Son. 7. Scholar. Ryde, IW.

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ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday March 11th, 1905

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

On the afternoon of the 7th inst., Mrs. **CASHFORD**, wife of a gardener, of no. 2 West Street, Ryde, was found by her husband hanging from a beam in an outhouse. The husband immediately released her, and took prompt measures to restore animation, in which he was successful, but she now lies in a critical condition. The unfortunate occurrence is believed to be due to illness and mental derangement, and much sympathy is felt with the husband and family.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday March 18th 1905

DISTRESSING NEWS AT RYDE.

An inquest was held on Monday afternoon, at the Justice's Room, at the Town Hall, Ryde, before Mr. James ELDRIDGE (deputy coroner of the Island) on the body of **Letitia CASHFORD**, wife of Mr. George CASHFORD, who died at her residence in West Street, on Sunday under circumstances detailed in the following evidence:

The jury, of which Mr. H.N. ADAMS was chosen foreman, having been sworn, the first witness called, George CASHFORD deposed that he resided at Odell Cottage, West Street and was a gardener. The deceased was his wife, and was fifty years of age on her last birthday. On Tuesday the 7th, he was called to the house just after four o'clock. He was then in the garden. His daughter came to him and asked him "if he had seen her mother". She said she had found her mother's hat and cloak, but could not find her mother. Witness said he had not seen her, and added that he would go and look for her. His daughter went into the house by the front door, and he went in by the back. He looked through the kitchen and the back premises. He called his wife by name but got no response. Then he heard his daughter call out "Dad! Dad! Mother has killed herself." He replied "Where is she?" and his daughter replied "In the front scullery." He rushed there at once and saw his wife hanging, and he cut her down immediately, laid her on her back, and commenced artificial respiration. He also sent his daughter for a doctor. While his daughter was going for the doctor, she met Mrs. Alfred DASHWOOD, who said she would telephone for a doctor, and in a very short time Dr. BUCK came and soon afterwards Dr. JONES and Dr. KENNEDY. When breathing commenced the doctor ordered her to be taken to bed. They took her upstairs to bed, and Dr. JONES remained with her four hours. Afterwards Dr. BANKS came. Everything was done for her up to yesterday, when she passed away at five minutes past two.

Had she been conscious during that time? ---No.

Had she suffered at all before this? Can you account for it in any way? ---she had suffered from nervous depression for some time, and had been under the treatment of Dr. BANKS between a year and a half to two years.

Was there anything special to cause her trouble or anxiety at the present time. ---No, nothing whatever.

Her depression was from no particular cause that you can account for? No, natural causes, I suppose.

When had you last seen her previous to your discovery ? ---About quarter past three on Tuesday.

Did she seem fairly well then? ---She as her usual self.

Has she ever threatened to commit suicide? ---No

Or made any attempt? ---None whatever. I didn't think she would have done anything of the sort. There was nothing to lead me to suppose it.

Letitia CASHFORD, daughter of the deceased said she lived in London, and come home for a fortnight, and was staying with her father and mother on Tuesday last. When she returned home about four o'clock on Tuesday, she looked through the house and not being able to find her mother, they went to the outhouse and found her there. It was a place that was never used. She had used a rope, and it was attached to a beam or something of the sort.

Mr. CASHFORD. ---The rope was already suspended from the beam. It had been used to suspend a bicycle from.

The Coroner (to witness). --I suppose you helped and have been with your mother ever since. ---Yes.

Had you noticed anything in particular the matter with her while you have been home? ---Oh, no. I thought she seemed rather better. She had not seemed herself for two and a half years.

There had been nothing said or done likely to excite her? ---No nothing.

So far as you know, there was nothing on her mind to trouble or vex her? ---No, nothing.

Your mother never regained consciousness at all, or said anything? ---No, Never. Her mind seemed quite gone.

Dr. BANKS, practising at Ryde, deposing that he had attended Mrs CASHFORD for about ten years. For the last two years she had been suffering from nervous depression chiefly. He saw her several times last month. She then appeared to be better.

Had she ever shown any tendency to suicide, or anything of that kind? ---No, never. I had seen her within a fortnight of last Tuesday. I saw her on Tuesday evening. She was in bed then. I then found she was suffering from apoplexy.

That was the result of the strangulation, I suppose? ---Yes, I attended her till her death, yesterday, and she never recovered the slightest sign of consciousness.

The Coroner said the evidence in the case was very simple, and it was an extremely sad one. He was sure the jury all felt the deepest sympathy with Mr. CASHFORD. Evidently his wife had been suffering from depression for the last two years or so, and every care and attention appeared to have been given to her; but as far as they could judge, in one of these fits of depression she took her life, presumably almost not knowing what she did. He thought the jury would have very little difficulty in coming to a verdict of that sort, according to the evidence. He not think it necessary for him to say anything further.

The jury returned a verdict that the deceased committed suicide in a fit of temporary insanity. The foreman (Mr. ADAMS) said the jury wished him to convey their deep sympathy with Mr. CASHFORD and his daughter.

The Coroner. ---Mr. CASHFORD, the jury wish me to say they feel very much sympathy with you in the trouble and sadness which have come into your house, as I do myself.

Mr. CASHFORD. ---Thank you very much, gentlemen.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday March 25th, 1905.

Acknowledgement -

Mr. Geo. CASHFORD and the Misses CASHFORD beg to return their sincere thanks for the many expressions of sympathy and condolence sent to them on their recent bereavement.

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