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MRS. MARY CULVERHOUSE

A venerable lady, who has resided in this town for upwards of 40 years, quietly departed this world on Wednesday last. Mrs. **Mary CULVERHOUSE**, of the Bazaar in the Arcade, belonged to the class of English gentlewoman, which began to disappear soon after George the Fourth was King. She came of a highly respectable family, but on the death of her husband, she found herself compelled to enter into business, and many years ago she introduced the first fancy bazaar into this town. It was then usual for her to reside during the winter months in Oxford, and stay in Ryde during the season. Finally in connection with her deceased partner, Miss TUNSTALL, she became a permanent resident in the Arcade, and few visitors have quitted the town without paying a visit to the attractive room in that building which for so many she has conducted. Our deceased townswoman was deservedly in high business estimation by all who had to do with her, and her loss will be deplored by her relatives, by all of whom she was greatly loved. She died at the ripe old age of 81.

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