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Abode: 38 Strand, Ryde, IW.

James W.LAVARS. Head. M. 53. Lodging House Proprietor. Ryde, IW.

Maria LAVARS. Wife. M. 54. Freshwater, IW.

Mary M.LAVARS. Dau. S. 27. Ryde, IW.

Kate E.LAVARS. Dau. S. 25. Ryde, IW.

Alice M.LAVARS. Dau. S. 22. Ryde, IW.

Phillip J.HANKIN. Boarder. M. 65. Retired Commander RN. Stanstead, Herts.

Isabel G.HANKIN. Boarder. M. 53. New Zealand.

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DIED IN HER SLEEP – Inquest at Ryde –

The circumstances attending the sudden death of Mrs. Maria LAVARS, 77, of “Le Blanc,” The Strand, which occurred in her sleep during Sunday night, were inquired into by the Deputy Coroner (W.H.P. THIRKELL), Esq.), at the residence on Wednesday evening.

James William LAVARS, husband, retired, identified the body and said he last saw his wife alive about midnight on Sunday. They retired to bed about 10 o’clock that night. She had suffered with flatulence, but was not so bad that night. They partook of a biscuit and small drop of whiskey before retiring and deceased had her usual meals during the day. Their little niece was unwell in an adjoining room and his wife exclaimed “Oh dear dear I do feel for the little maid.” Those were her last words as she turned over on her left side, her usual position. He dozed off and when he awoke in the morning she was still on her left side and he thought she was asleep.. He had dressed before he discovered that she was dead. She usually took a little peppermint for the wind and had not been attended by the doctor for some years. Once she had pains in the region of the heart and a doctor who happened to be in the house at the time saw her.

Mary Maria LAVARS, daughter of deceased spoke to being called by her father at 5 minutes past 8 o’clock on Monday morning and finding her mother in the position described. She moistened her lips with a little brandy but found she was quite dead. Deceased often suffered from heart attacks caused she believed, by flatulence, but made light of them and would not have a doctor as she did not feel that she wanted any advice.

Dr. WADHAM, who saw the body on Monday morning in the same position attributed death to cardiac failure due to indigestion acting on a fatty heart.

The Deputy Coroner in returning a verdict of “Death from natural causes,” observed that it was rather unfortunate deceased was so determined not to have a doctor.

Deceased leaves a husband, three daughters and son-in-law.
