

SUDDEN DEATH. - An inquest was held at the Gem Inn, Hill-street, on Wednesday evening, before Mr. E. BLAKE, coroner, on the body of **James STALLARD**, aged 75, who was found dead by the side of the bed on the previous morning.

Susan TOLLEWEY said the deceased's wife was her sister. She knew the deceased, who had been ailing for some time past. On Sunday her sister came into the house and said, "Oh! the gentleman has chased me downstairs like a madman." She went back to the house with her, when deceased struck his wife in the face with the key of the door, causing it to bleed. Witness asked why he had done so, and he immediately struck her a blow in the chest with his fist, and told her if she wanted any more he would give her two black eyes. He then locked the door, and would not let his wife in all that day, so she slept in her (witness's) house that night. She afterwards heard of his death.

A lad named LEALE, who lived next door, said on Tuesday morning, about half-past 4, he heard a noise proceeding from deceased's room, as if someone fell heavily out of bed.

Mrs. STALLARD, after giving some details of the disagreement between herself and husband, which she could not account for, said that on Monday after they had had some tea deceased went to bed, but she, fearing he might do her some harm, slept that night on the sofa in the room below. On going up at half-past 5 she found him dead on the floor.

Dr. WOODWARD gave it as his opinion that deceased died from apoplexy, and the jury returned a verdict to that effect.
