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ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED

On Friday afternoon an inquest was held at the "Rosemary Branch Tavern," near Ryde, touching the death of a boy named **George William TANSOM**, about 11 years of age. From the evidence it appears that about noon on Wednesday the deceased was playing at the side of a deep pond in a brickyard, contiguous to Rosemary-lane, when he slipped into the water. He had been noticed a few minutes before by a married woman named TAYLOR, who had turned her back towards him for a short time. On looking round in the direction of the pond she missed the boy, and she came to the conclusion he must have fallen in, from seeing bubbles rise on the surface of the water. She gave an alarm, and the body of the child was recovered after a search of about an hour. The verdict of the jury was "Accidentally drowned."

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