ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 6th October 1883

SUDDEN DEATH OF A CHILD.- An inquest was held at the Elephant and Castle public house, Green-street, on Saturday evening, by the coroner, F. BLAKE, Esq., upon the body of **Susan Minnie BUSSEY** aged 2 years. Mr. BIGGS was foreman of the jury.

Alice BUSSEY wife of Francis Henry BUSSEY of Green-street, deposed that deceased was two years old on the 6th of June. On the previous day she complained of being hot and feverish and she lay in a little bed which witness made up for her. She remained there all day, and in the evening seemed better, having a little bread and meat for supper and some tea. Went to bed about 10 o'clock, and slept with witness. About 5 o'clock witness was awoke by a noise something like crying. She found deceased with her hands clenched. She applied vinegar and water, and deceased seemed to get better, and had restless sleep till about half past six, when she frothed at the mouth and witness could see she was dying. Sent her husband for a neighbour, who went for Mr. WOODWARD.

Mr. WOODWARD said he was called to see the child just before 7 o'clock that morning. The child was dead but quite warm. There was nothing which enabled him to form an opinion as to the cause of death. He had since made a post mortem examination, and found the lungs congested and partially inflamed. Considered the cause of death was the congested state of the lungs. There was no sign of violence, and nothing to show that the child had died from anything but natural causes.

A verdict in accordance with the medical statement was returned.

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