

CORONER'S INQUESTS.

The inquest on the body of Patrick Leahy, adjourned from Monday 4th, was resumed and concluded, at the Coroner's office, on the 8th instant. The deceased received the injury which resulted in his death nearly three weeks ago, and was occasioned by falling from a cart, on the road between Picton and Camden. He was riding along, when it is supposed he became drowsy and fell; the wheel of the cart passed over his body, and inflicted serious injury. He was brought to Sydney, to the Infirmary, and was admitted into that establishment on the 22nd ultimo. A verdict of "Died from injuries accidentally received," was returned.

Another inquest was held at the Star Hotel, Bridge-street, on the 8th, and was to enquire into the circumstances attending the death of a child named James Henderson, aged sixteen months. The parents of the child reside at Manly Beach. A short time ago the child had two severe falls, and one of them produced a swelling on the sufferer's forehead. The child's mother, thinking it necessary to consult a medical man, brought the child to Sydney, and from recommendation, consulted Mr. Horner, chemist, &c., who advised the woman to remain in Sydney and apply six leeches to her child's head. The six leeches were procured and applied, but not in Sydney as advised, but at Manly Beach. When the leeches had been on the child the prescribed time they were removed, but the blood continued to flow all night. On the next morning the child was brought again to Sydney and taken to Dr. Milford, but the hæmorrhage had then ceased. Dr. Milford prescribed stimulants, and hopes were entertained that the child would recover, but the loss of blood had been so great that the sufferer sank, and expired yesterday morning. Dr. Milford, in conjunction with Dr. Eichler, who was called to see the child some time before it expired, made a *post mortem* examination of the body, and found the cause of death to have been as stated. Verdict accordingly. In a rider the jury condemned the common practice of chemists giving to patients advice, which should only be given by properly qualified medical practitioners.

FOUND DROWNED.—On Tuesday afternoon the body of a man named Moses H. Spooner, first mate of the American schooner *Micronesia*, at present lying in Johnston's Bay, Balmain, was found floating in the water near Crook's Ferry. He had been missing since Sunday night. It appears that the deceased and his shipmates had some friends on board the vessel, on Sunday evening, and indulged rather freely in drink. He was on shore between ten and eleven o'clock, and left the Burnbank Hotel in company with one of his shipmates, to return to the vessel. The deceased got into the boat and proceeded to pull off; but the other man laid down on the wharf and remained there till Monday morning. The deceased never reached the vessel; the boat was found on Monday morning, and in the afternoon of the same day the body of the deceased was observed floating near Mr. Pedrieau's wharf, from which he had started on Sunday night. The occurrence was reported to sergeant Miller, who went down and assisted to recover the body, and take it on shore. The case was reported to the coroner, and he held an inquest on the body, at the Burnbank Hotel, on Wednesday. An open verdict of "found drowned, with no evidence as to how he got into the water," was returned. The deceased was an American by birth, and was about twenty-seven years of age.

The inquest on the body of Mr. Goldsmith, who died in the Infirmary on Wednesday night, from the effect of injuries received by being knocked down in King-street by a runaway horse, was held in the Coroner's office at two o'clock on Thursday afternoon. The facts of the accident, as detailed in the evidence, were substantially these:—It appeared that a man named Frederick Lawrence, a fruit dealer, returned home to his residence in Clarence-street with his horse and cart between four and five o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. When he reached his door he called his wife to hold the

and five o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. When he reached his door he called his wife to hold the horse, as was stated in evidence; but for the purpose, as stated by himself, of fetching some water. Some water was brought in a bucket and offered to the horse, but he would not drink. Lawrence then threw the water over the horse's feet, which caused ~~the horse to kick out and break one of the reins~~ Lawrence caught hold of one of the reins and tried to stop the horse, but he broke away, and before proceeding more than a few yards the other traces broke, and then the animal jumped clear of the cart. Turning into King-street, the horse galloped down the street at a furious pace, and at the corner of King and George streets knocked down two men named George Ship and John Button, and inflicted severe injuries on both. The horse still pursued his mad career, and a few yards farther on came into collision with Mr. George Goldsmith, who was riding along towards George-street. The force of the collision was such that both Mr. Goldsmith and the horse he was riding were dashed to the ground, and Mr. Goldsmith was taken up in an unconscious state and conveyed to the Infirmary. Dr. Roberts saw him immediately, and found him suffering from effusion of the brain. He never recovered consciousness, but expired, from the effect of the injuries received, at half-past nine o'clock the same night. The jury returned a verdict of "Died from injuries accidentally received," and Lawrence, the owner of the horse (who had been arrested to await the result of the inquest) was discharged.

SINGULAR FREAK.—A man lying sick at M'Arthur's boarding-house, in a high state of fever and delirium, managed to escape, about half-past one o'clock on the morning of the 8th instant, from his attendant, who left him for a short time to fetch some water. No track of the absconder could be found by the police, who were in search of him until four o'clock p.m., when he appeared in Dean-street, opposite the court-house, in a state of nudity, as suddenly as he had disappeared. He was immediately secured and taken to the Wesleyan chapel, that being the only place that could be got for the purpose of an hospital. There is little or no chance of his recovery.—Banner.

YOUNG AMERICA WONDERS.—Why mamma keeps Bridget home from the church to work all day, and then says it is wicked for me to build my rabbit-house on Sunday? Wonder what makes papa tell those nice stories to visitors about his hiding the master's ratten when he went to school, and about his running away from the schoolmistress when she was going to whip him, and then shut me up all day in a dark room, because I tried just once to see if I could not be as smart a boy as he was? Wonder why mamma tells papa he is cross when he comes home at night and says the tea is cold, and then ties a handkerchief over my mouth, so that I can neither speak nor breathe, because I said she was cross? Wonder what made papa say that big word when Betsy upset the ink all over his papers, and then slap my ears because I said it when ray kite-string broke? Wonder why mamma told Betsy, the other day, to say she was not at home when Tommy Day's mother called, and then put me to bed without my supper every time I tell a lie? Oh, dear, there are lots of things I want to know. How I wish I was a man!—*American Paper*,