

Albert Salero

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ISLAND INQUESTS.

NEWPORT CHILD'S TERRIBLE DEATH

A little boy 2 ½ years of age, named Albert Salero, the son of Angelo Salero, a hawker of Barton's Village, met with a terrible death on Tuesday, owing to inhaling steam from a boiling kettle on Saturday. An inquest was held before Mr. F. A. Joyce on Tuesday evening.

Dr. Coombs said that on Saturday evening deceased was brought to him suffering from a blistered throat and from inflammation of the lungs, which he was informed was due to the inhalation of steam from a boiling kettle. He realised that it was a serious case and ordered him to bed, and went to see him on Sunday morning, and also on Monday.

Deceased's father said that between 10 and 11 on Saturday morning he was in the kitchen, where deceased was playing, whilst his twelve-year-old sister was cleaning up the fire place. The fireguard was on as usual, until the girl took it off in order to clean the hearth. The kettle had boiled, and was placed back on the hob. The girl removed the guard and went out to get some water to wash the fireplace, when immediately witness heard deceased scream, and on looking round saw him on the floor near the fireplace. Deceased said he had been scalded by the steam from the kettle, to which he pointed. After a bit he seemed to get better, and there was no mark of scalding on the lips or tongue. Deceased went out to play and to buy some sweets, but was taken ill with heavy breathing in the evening, and they took him to the doctor. Witness said he had eleven children, and none of them had been burned before.

Deceased's twelve-year-old sister, Rose, gave confirming evidence.

The Coroner expressed the opinion that the deceased's parents had taken reasonable precautions with regard to provision of a fireguard, as required by the Children Act, to protect their children from the fire, and the jury agreed and returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

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