

An Unfortunate Accident

On Saturday last an inquiry was held at the Prince *of* Wales Inn, Brynmawr, before E. J. C. Davies, Esq., deputy coroner, on the body of Thomas Munn, aged 61, who came by his death under the following circumstances.

The deceased was working in the Clydach level, (Munn's pit,) and wished to get through a hole from the level in which he was employed into an old working above. The place was in a most dangerous state, and a man named James Watkins advised the deceased not to go up, or he would surely repent it. His advice was disregarded and, putting his tools through the hole, he proceeded to clamber through himself. In doing so he disturbed some of the stones, which fell in such a manner as to "jam" his neck between them leaving him hanging by his neck.

The attention of the man Watkins was drawn to the place some considerable time after the occurrence, and he then found the deceased suspended in the manner described, but life was not extinct. The poor fellow lingered in this position from twelve o'clock until five and it was not until six hour after his death that the body could be extricated. The jury found a verdict of "Accidental death."

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