

MELANCHOLY SUICIDE OF A CLOTH MANUFACTURER.—On Thursday afternoon, T. Taylor, Esq., coroner, held an inquest at the house of Mr. W. Robertshaw, the Fountain Inn, Mirfield, on view of the body of Mr. John Walker, cloth manufacturer, residing at Mirfield. Deceased, who was fifty-five years of age, had for some weeks past been in a desponding state of mind, principally caused by some heavy losses in the South American trade. He was also apprehensive of not being able to find a market for the large stock of goods he had on hand. This so preyed on his mind that he put an end to his existence on Wednesday. About half-past nine o'clock on the morning of that day he went up stairs to his bed room, his family imagining he had gone for the purpose of resting himself. A short time after his son, having business to transact with him, proceeded up stairs, and was horror-struck at finding his father suspended by a clothes line from one of the beams. The body was immediately cut down, but life was extinct. The jury, after hearing the evidence of the deceased's son and his solicitor, returned a verdict of "Hung himself whilst in an unsound state of mind."