

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A GIRL AT MIRFIELD.—Last evening an inquest on view of the body of Mary Ann Wood (14), domestic servant, until recently in the service of Thomas Hemingway, farmer, Ravensthorpe, was held at the Railway Hotel, Mirfield. The evidence adduced by George Henry Wood, deceased's brother, corn miller, Ravensthorpe, and his wife showed that deceased had been in the service of Mr. Hemingway for a period of two years and a half. On Thursday last Mrs. Hemingway complained to Mrs. Wood about deceased not doing her work properly, and requested her to take her away. She was fetched away the same evening by Wood. When she got to her brother's house she complained of having been kicked on the knee by Mr. Hemingway. She walked lame, and appeared to be weak. On Friday she became worse, and on Saturday she was conveyed in a cab to her sister's house at New Scarborough, Mirfield. Dr. Anderson attended her from the time she was removed until her death, which took place on Sunday night. Dr. Anderson's evidence was to the effect that when he first saw deceased she was suffering from a general swelling below the left knee joint. There was a slightly red mark, about an inch in length, over the swelling, on the inner side of the leg, and it was the sign of injury of two or three days' standing, and might have been caused by a blunt instrument. On Saturday she was feverish, and her breathing was embarrassed. She gradually sank, and died on Sunday night. He made a post-mortem examination on Monday, assisted by Dr. Arthur, from which he assigned the death as being from pyæmia, from abscess in the left lung from an injury.—Evidence was given by Selina Archer and Thomas Hirst to the effect that they had seen Mr. Hemingway strike deceased with his fist in the early part of last month.—The inquiry was adjourned for further evidence to be adduced in respect to Mr. Hemingway's treatment.