

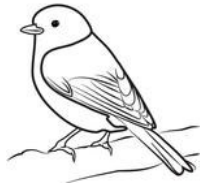


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SPARROW CAUSES BARN FIRE

Tuesday morning about eight o'clock, at a bailiff belonging to Mr. Day, at Lynsted, farmer, was firing at some sparrows on the roof of a barn, he set fire to the thatch, which, together with a stable, and about thirty quarters of wheat, threshed and unthreshed, were consumed.



18th June 1802: Kentish Weekly Post or Canterbury Journal

CHIMNEY KILLS CHILD

Shocking Accident.- We regret to state, that during the high wind on Thursday last, a melancholy occurrence took place at the residence of Mr. Strouts, senior, Kingsdown Court, near Sittingbourne. About twelve o'clock, the family was alarmed by a noise proceeding from the chamber occupied by Mrs. Strouts. A fine child, about six years of age, daughter of Mr. E. Strouts, of Hothfield, was in the absence of Mr. Strouts, sleeping with her grandmother. On entering the room, it was found that the roof of the house, which had been forced in by the blowing down of a chimney, had fallen upon the bed. Mrs. Strouts was fortunately extricated from her perilous situation, without any severe injury, but the poor child was killed instantaneously. A coroner's inquest was summoned upon the body, and a verdict

returned of "Accidental Death".

24th December 1833: Kentish Gazette

CART COLLISION Horse returns to Greenstreet

ACCIDENT.- An accident of a serious nature occurred to Mr. G. Howland at Dunkirk, who was thrown from a cart through coming into collision with a vehicle passing in an opposite direction on this return homewards from Sheppey. The accident took place near Beacon Hill. Mr. Howland was thrown from his cart to the ground, where he continued senseless for some considerable time, while his horse returned to Greenstreet where it was found next morning. The accident took place about eight o'clock in the evening on Friday last, and Mr. Howland did not reach home till nearly three the next morning, he having with much difficulty walked thither.

6th February 1844: Kentish Gazette

DRUNKEN WOMAN FALLS OFF VAN

An accident, which might have been attended with serious consequences, happened to a woman, on Friday last, at Greenstreet, who it appears was returning from Maidstone by Bridges' van, and being intoxicated, she fell from the top of the vehicle on the wheel, which fractured her head,

and also sustained other injuries. Medical attendance was promptly procured, when it was discovered the injuries were not of a dangerous nature, and she was enabled to proceed to Canterbury.

4th March 1845: Kentish Gazette

LOCAL TOFF TAKES A FALL FROM CARRIAGE

We regret to record a most distressing and shocking accident which occurred to Norton J. Knatchbull, Esq., of Provender near Faversham, eldest son of our highly esteemed neighbouring resident, the Right Honourable Sir Edward Knatchbull, Bart. Mr. Knatchbull was on his way to the Rev. James Hallett's, at Petham, in a carriage. The horses took fright, and the vehicle was overturned, and his arm fractured in two places and the shoulder dislocated. The unfortunate gentleman was promptly attended by Mr. W. Sankey, of Chartham, and, as soon as possible, by Messrs. Major and Denne, of Canterbury, and was enabled to be conveyed to his own residence the same evening.

18th August 1846: Kentish Gazette

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BROKEN BONES PROTRUDING, CRUSHED UNDER WHEELS; RUNAWAY CARRIAGE

HODGKINSON AND OTHER v. CONINGSBY.

Mr. Sergeant Shee and Mr. Clark were for plaintiffs, and Mr. Montagu Chambers for defendant.

This was an action to recover compensation for injuries alleged to have been received through the carelessness in the driving of an omnibus, of which defendant was proprietor, and in which plaintiffs had taken places from Canterbury to Rochester on the 14th of January. The carriage had been driven upon a bank, near Greenstreet, and upset. Plaintiff's wife and child were on the carriage; the child was injured by a concussion of the brain, and the wife by a compound fracture of the leg, the bone of which protruded through the stocking. Her ankle was also partly dislocated. She had, in consequence, been detained at an hotel, and part of the time at a cottage, suffering severely, and incurring much expense.

Mr. W.M. Ford, surgeon, deposed - On the 14th January, I was in an omnibus returning from Canterbury to Rochester. Mr. Hodgkinson's little boy was sitting between myself and the driver; Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkinson were sitting behind. The morning was frosty. When near to Greenstreet the driver drew to the left side of the road, which was his proper side. The horses swerved towards the bank, and the carriage overturned. The near wheel went about two feet up the bank. The lady screamed aloud that her leg was broken. I was a little stunned, and when I

recovered myself I went to her assistance. I found her leg had sustained a compound fracture; I gave her assistance in my capacity as a medical man, and as soon as practicable had her removed to the Dover Castle Inn. I found also that she had sustained a partial dislocation of the ankle. I attribute the accident to the careless driving of the coachman.



Cross-examined by Mr. Chambers. - I never said that the accident was so instantaneous that I had no time for any observation. I saw a gipsy encampment about half a mile from where the accident happened; this encampment could not have frightened the horses. We set out from Canterbury at about half-past two o'clock, and the accident happened at about four. The driver had been talking to me immediately before the accident occurred. I think if the driver had paid proper attention to the horses, they could not have swerved towards the bank. There were two gipsies on the opposite side of the road when the accident took place. I do not recollect having any conversation with any but the parties concerned on the way to the inn.

James Church, surgeon, Greenstreet, deposed that on the day of the accident he was called in professionally, and gave his assistance to the injured parties.

Mr Sargeant Shee here observed that the intention of his client was only to recover the expenses, incurred, that of the medical attendance, amounted to £74 0s. 6d., and other expenses, amounting altogether to £135.

Mr. Hoard, surgeon and apothecary, who had been consulted in consequence of the extent of Mrs. Hodgkinson was detained at his cottage eleven weeks, in consequence of the injuries she had sustained. His charge was 10s. per week, amounting to £5 10s. The services of a nurse amounted to £3 8s.3d., and an occasional assistant nurse £1 16s.

Mr Pilcher, landlord of the hotel, stated that Mr. Hodgkinson, his wife, child, servant, and nurse, were at his house for five weeks, and his bill amounted to £47 15s. 6d.

James Trigg, Greenstreet, deposed that Mr. Hodgkinson hired a carriage of him, in which to take his wife to London, his charge was £1 10s.

Mr. Montague Chambers, in addressing the jury for the defendant contended that no evidence had been given to prove that there had been any negligence on the part of the coachman, and on this point alone the whole claim of the plaintiff depended. The driver had been some time in the employ of Mr. Coningsby, who had every reason to place confidence, in him. It would be very unjust that Mr. Coningsby should be made to pay for the alleged negligence of a servant, in whom he had every reason to place confidence, and whose conduct stood the test of

years.

His lordship, in summing up, said that there did appear to be some negligence on the part of the driver, as shown by the distance of two feet which the carriage was proved to have run up the bank, and which, with attention on the part of the driver, might in all probability have been avoided before such an elevation should have been attained.

Verdict for the Defendant.

3rd August 1847: Kentish Gazette

**"COURT CASE FOR
DAMAGE TO A
CARRIAGE IN
GREENSTREET:
COURT OF QUEEN'S
BENCH, WESTMINSTER,
NOV.18**

(Sittings in Banco, before Lord Chief Justice DENMAN, and COLERIDGE, WIGHTMAN, and EARL, Justices).
HODGKINSON AND OTHERS
V. CONINGSBY.

This action was tried before Mr. Baron Parke at the last assizes for the county of Kent, when a verdict was given for the defendant.

On the first day of this term, Mr. Serjeant Shee had moved for a rule calling upon the defendant to show cause why there should not be a new trial, on the ground that the verdict was against the evidence. The action was brought to recover damages for injuries sustained by the plaintiff, his wife, and son, by reason of the upsetting of the defendant's coach. The coach in question plied between Canterbury and Rochester, and approaching a declivity at Greenstreet, in a part where the road was 21 feet wide, the near wheel was driven, without any fright of the horses, two feet on to a bank. The

plaintiffs, being outside passengers, sustained great injury, and Mr. Hodgkinson received a compound fracture of the leg, which confined him to his bed for two months. The learned Serjeant also moved, on an affidavit, which state that upon the jury there was a person named Theophilus Smith, who was challenged by the plaintiff; but he was told by the associate that the objection came too late, as Mr. Smith had been already sworn. Mr. Smith was chosen foreman, the suit proceeded, and a verdict was given for the defendant. The plaintiffs' affidavit further stated, that Mr. Smith was a paid servant of the defendant, and that, previous to the trial, he had called upon the plaintiff, and advised him to accept of £30 as compensation for the injury which he had sustained.

Lord DENMAN now said that a rule nisi would be granted for a new trial. Rule nisi granted."

17th November 1847: The Times

**ANOTHER RUNAWAY
CARRIAGE**

GREENSTREET.

An accident happened on Friday to the omnibus driven by Fairbrass. He had pulled up at Greenstreet to attend to a passenger, and on getting down he handed the reins to another passenger, who, instead of keeping his hold of them, got off and laid them on the foot-board. The horses, finding themselves at liberty, immediately set off with the bus, and on arriving near Mr. Lake's oasthouse ran against the wire fencing and upset the bus. Fortunately no person was hurt.

13th July 1852: South Eastern Gazette

**STACK OF WHEEL
CRUSH COACH BUILDER**

GREENSTREET. A serious accident occurred last week to Mr Terry, coach builder, of this place. He was piling a quantity of wheel naves and timber, when the lower portion slipped, and the superincumbent timber fell upon him, breaking one of his ribs and his left leg. It is feared he will be a sufferer for some time.



21st January 1851: Kentish Gazette

**WOMAN FREEZES TO
DEATH ON WALK TO
DOVER**

ON Monday night a woman named Caroline Fullager, set out with her husband on a journey from Lynsted, near Faversham, to Alkham, a distance of something like 20 miles, to see their daughter. Having accomplished the best part of the journey on foot, they called at a village public-house for lodgings, but the landlord had gone to bed and refused to take them in. Continuing their way they had arrived within half a mile of their daughter's house, when the woman succumbed to the intense cold, dropped down, and was frozen to death. [Her husband exerted himself to obtain assistance, but the first who came to the spot was a policeman who finding that life was extinct had the body removed.]

1st April 1865: Hertford Mercury and Reformer (adding in from Kentish Gazette)

The Late Distressing Death of a Female. On Tuesday an inquest was held, before T. Hills,

Esq., coroner, on the body of a woman named Caroline Fullager, 46 years of age, who met with her death under circumstances stated by us last week. The deceased had set out, with her husband, to walk from Lynsted to Alkham, near Dover, a distance of nearly 30 miles, but dropped down in the road when near her destination, and expired. The jury returned a verdict "That the deceased died from serious apoplexy, accelerated by exposure and exhaustion." There had been rumours as to the ill-treatment on the part of the husband, but these turned out to be ill-founded.

8th April 1865: Kentish Chronicle

LYNSTED: ACCIDENT:

Mrs Barling of Nouds, was driving home with two of her children on Thursday afternoon, when she met with an accident at Bapchild-hill, her carriage being overturned. Happily, neither she nor the children were seriously injured.

17th February 1877: Whitstable Times and Herne Bay Herald

ACCIDENT -

A dealer named Hopkins and his wife were on Thursday evening driving from Greenstreet to their home at Ospringe, when they collided with a timber tug. Hopkins was cut about the face and his wife sustained a compound fracture of an arm.

2nd November 1889: Whitstable Times and Herne Bay Herald

BRAVE BOY SAVES THE DAY

THE LATE ACCIDENT NEAR SOLE STREET.- We have been informed that the lad who displayed so much presence of mind and courage the late accident near Sole Street—when

Mr. Richard Champion was pulled from the box of a van containing a pleasure party proceeding to Perry Wood—by crawling along the pole and securing the reins, while the horses were galloping away, was **Master Edward Drax Blaxland**, aged 11 years, son of Mr. Blaxland, Dadmans, Lynsted. We were unable to mention his name in our report of the accident, but we do so now in order that every credit may be given him for the courage he displayed, which was the means of preventing an occurrence that might have been attended with serious not fatal consequences.

25th June 1870: Whitstable Times and Herne Bay Herald

BRICKFIELD WORKER BONES PROTUDING!

FAVERSHAM. ACCIDENT IN A BRICKFIELD.- A Serious accident befell a man named Fairbeard a few days since. He was wheeling a barrow-load of earth across a pit in King's Field, when he lost his balance and fell a depth of 3ft., with the barrow on the top of him. His arm was so badly broken that the bones were forced through the skin. he was at once conveyed to Mr Spong's surgery, where the limb was set. We hear that the injury is so severe that doubts are entertained of saving the arm.

13th June 1871: South Eastern Gazette

CARRIAGE OVERTURNS ON BUILDER'S WASTE

A serious mishap befell a young man named Frederick George (son of the late postmaster at Greenstreet) on Wednesday evening. He was

driving in Goodneston road, Sittingbourne, when the cart ran against a lump of lime, &c., which had been left in the road by a person who is building a cottage in the vicinity. The result was that the vehicle was upset, and George thrown heavily on to the ground, and sustained considerable injury about the head and face. The horse was also hurt. It is stated that George intends claiming compensation.

14th February 1880: Whitstable Times and Herne Bay Herald

CRASH WITH TIMBER TUG

ACCIDENT - A dealer named Hopkins and his wife were on Thursday evening driving from Greenstreet to their home at Ospringe, when they collided with a timber tug. Hopkins was cut about the face and his wife sustained a compound fracture of an arm.

2nd November 1889: Whitstable Times and Herne Bay Herald

HORSEBACK ACCIDENT

ACCIDENT TO A LADY.- On Monday afternoon, yesterday week, Miss Barling, second daughter of Mr P. Barling, of Nouds, Lynsted, met with a rather serious accident.

Miss Barling, accompanied by a lady friend and a younger brother (who rode a pony), was riding on horseback through Sittingbourne in the direction of home. The horses were cantering at a smart pace down High-street, and Miss Barling, who was ahead of the party, endeavoured to pull her horse in. In passing St. Michael's Church Miss Barling steered her horse out of its course, and took the near side of the road, in order to pass a cart which was in the centre of the road. At this point



the road slopes considerably towards the water-table at the side, and after making the detour Miss Barling was endeavouring to regain the centre of the thoroughfare when the animal's hoofs slipped on the granite, and the horse fell over on its side, throwing its rider with considerable force into the centre of the roadway. The horse ridden by Miss Barling's friend was immediately behind, and passed over her prostrate form, but fortunately without doing any harm. Miss Barling has sustained a nasty cut across the bridge of the nose, and was much shaken by the fall.

2nd September 1890: Maidstone Journal and Kentish Advertiser

HEADMASTER INJURED WHEN PONY BOLTS

LYNSTED. SERIOUS ACCIDENT.- We regret to hear that Mr. Ackerman, master of the Lynsted Board School, has met with a serious accident. On Thursday evening in last week, he went to the Grays to give a lesson, and Mr. Court sent him home in a trap. The pony trotted steadily along for some distance, when it was suddenly startled by a cottage window. The boy who was driving alighted to lead the pony by the light, when by some means the trap was overturned, and Mr. Ackerman was thrown out, sustaining serious injuries to his head and face, left hand, and leg. He was picked up on an almost insensible condition and taken into Mr. Rose's cottage, where he received kind attention,



Mr Ackerman

and was subsequently conveyed home by Mr. Trigg, of Greenstreet. After the overturn, the pony bolted with the empty vehicle (which was much damaged), but was stopped about two hundred yards down the road by Mr. Judges and Mr. Riston's coachman.

15th October 1892: Whitstable Times and Herne Bay Herald

RAILWAY CROSSING FATALITY

FATAL ACCIDENT.- An accident which occurred at Bax railway crossing, Tong, on Thursday morning, resulted in the death of a young labourer named William George Bridgland, aged 27, of Greenstreet. Bridgland and a man named William Dean were in charge of two horses and carts belonging to the executors of the late Mr. W. Wood, on the way to the farm at Bax. They had to go over the level crossing to get there. Bridgland, who was leading the second horse, was caught by the engine of the 8 a.m. express train from Ramsgate, which passed Teynham at 9.10. The poor fellow was cut to pieces beyond recognition; portions of the body, and also the carcass of the horse, being found some considerable distance up the line. An inquest took place before Mr. C. B. Harris, Deputy Coroner, at Bax Farm, on Friday afternoon, when a verdict to the effect that deceased's death was the result of a pure accident, was returned.

20th January 1900: South Eastern Gazette

FATAL ACCIDENT AT A RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING.

On Saturday afternoon last the deputy Coroner for this district (Mr. C. B. Harris) and a jury, of whom Mr William Atkins was chosen foreman, held an inquest at the Fox Inn, Lynsted, on the body of William Howe, aged 81, who resided at Winch's cottages, West End, Greenstreet, and who was knocked down by a passing train at a railway level crossing on the previous Thursday, under circumstances detailed in the following evidence:- William Joseph How, labourer, of Greenstreet, son of the deceased, said his father, who was very deaf, had been very feeble for the past few months. The deceased was employed at Mr. Mercer's brickfield, and he had to cross the railway in going to and from the brickfield. - James Edward Dalton, platelayer, Barrow Green, deposed that at about 4.55 p.m. on Thursday, the 16th instant, he was about 30 yards from the crossing at Little Frognaal. It was a public crossing, as there was a footpath leading from the fields. He saw the deceased, who was attempting to cross from the brickfield side. To do that he would have to cross the down line first. Witness saw an up train coming, and shouted to the deceased, who had then only just got over the style. Deceased did not stop but crossed in front of the train, over the down line four-foot way and the up line. Just as he was leaving the up line the buffer beam of a passenger train struck him, and he was knocked down. Witness ran to him, and found deceased unconscious, but alive. With the assistance of William Alexander witness got deceased home, where he was attended by Dr. McArthur. The train did not throw the deceased far; he was almost on the crossing when he was picked up. he did not appear to hear

witness's warning or to see the train. There was a straight stretch of line, from a mile to mile-and-a-half, that could be seen from the crossing, and as far as witness could see it was a pure accident. - William Alexander, foreman plate-layer, Barrow Green, who was working on the line, said he did not see the deceased but he heard Dalton shouting to him. Witness assisted to remove the old man home. He was conscious, as he asked witness to raise his head.- Frank Gotch, living at 26, Ingarven Road, Clapham Common, the engine driver of the train in question (the 4.36 express train from Faversham), stated that he was on the lookout in running through Teynham stations, and sounded his whistle there. he saw that the platelayers at work were clear of the line, and then his mate started firing. Witness saw nothing of the deceased, and felt nothing. he did not know anything about the matter until the following night. The train was travelling between 35 and 40 miles an hour at the time. If witness had seen the old man there would have been no time to pull up, as he must have crossed right under the engine.- Dr. J.T. McArthur, of Greenstreet, said he saw the deceased at his house between five o'clock and half-past, and found him breathing, but unconscious. Deceased only lived about four minutes after witness saw him. Upon an examination of the body witness found fractures of the left arm, about eight ribs, and the left thigh bone. Death was due to shock and injuries. The position and extent of the injuries were quite consistent with the deceased having been struck by a passing train. Any of the injuries were sufficient to have caused death in so aged a man.- A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

25th August 1900: Whitstable Times and Herne Bay Herald

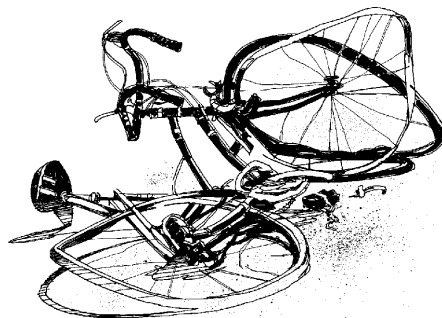
LADY CYCLIST INJURED.

Miss Symonds, of the Lynsted Ladies School, had her elbow dislocated, and received other injuries while cycling through Sittingbourne, her skirt becoming entangled in the crank of the machine.

25th August 1900: Worcestershire Chronicle

CYCLIST KILLED ON MAIN ROAD

GREENSTREET. MOTOR ACCIDENTS. About ten o'clock on Monday morning last Mrs Carrier, the wife of Mr. Frederick Carrier, was cycling to Sittingbourne to see his Majesty the King, when she met with a nasty accident. She was leaving Greenstreet, and was cycling well on her right side of the road, when she was overtaken by a car belonging to Mr. A. Faunce de Laune, and driven by one of his chauffeurs (Foster). It is alleged



that in passing the cyclist the car just caught the back wheel of the machine, and Mrs. Carrier was thrown in front of the car and rolled over and over, while the bicycle went under the wheels of the car, and was completely smashed. Mrs. Carrier was conveyed to her house by Mr. James French in his trap, where she received attention from Dr. Henderson. Although she had no bones broken she was very bruised and shaken, and she is suffering from concussion of the brain. Her face was also much damaged. We

learn yesterday (Friday) morning that Mrs. Carrier is now making favourable progress.

On Tuesday a woman of the tramp class was knocked down by a car in Greenstreet. She was somewhat badly injured, and was removed to Faversham Infirmary by two members of the local division of the St. Johns Ambulance Brigade.

31st October 1914: South Eastern Gazette

WAGGONER RUNS VER HIMSELF!

ACCIDENT.- Richard Chandler, an elderly man, living at Sittingbourne, was on Friday riding on the front of a waggon drawn by a locomotive up Radfield Hill, Greenstreet, when he was jerked from his seat and the wheels of the waggon passed over him, crushing his right shoulder and arm. He received surgical attention and was then removed to St. Bartholemew's Hospital, Rochester, where he is making capital progress.

6th May 1916: Kent Messenger

GREENSTREET DOCTOR'S WIFE RECOGNISED AFTER POWDER MILLS EXPLOSION

B R A V E R Y O F A GREENSTREET DOCTOR'S WIFE. At a Chapter General of the Order of St. John held at St. John's Gate on Friday last, Lord Plymouth, the Sub-Prior, presented Mrs. Selby, wife of Dr. P.G. Selby, of Greenstreet, with a silver medal for conspicuous bravery on the occasion of that great explosion which occurred in Kent on a Sunday afternoon not many months ago. Dr. and Mrs. Selby had not returned from church when the terrible catastrophe occurred, and without waiting for any food they at once motored to the scene, and there

they both rendered yeoman service.

12th August 1916: Whitstable Times and Herne Bay Herald



FATAL INSECT STING.

Miss Annie Edith Carrier, aged 26, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Carrier, of Lynsted Lane, Greenstreet, near Teynham, has died from the effects of an insect sting. A few days after the occurrence her condition became alarming, and despite all that medical skill could do she passed away, the poison having reached her brain. She was a prominent worker at the Greenstreet Wesleyan church.

11th September 1920: Whitstable Times and Herne Bay Herald

CHERRY ORCHARD CLAIMS ACCIDENT VICTIM

GREENSTREET. ' Accident a Cherry Orchard.— On Wednesday last Mr. Stephen George, who is 78 years of age, was up a ladder picking cherries in an orchard at the back of his house, in Lynsted Lane, when his foot slipped and he fell to the ground, fracturing his collar bone. The fracture was set by Dr. Selby, and the sufferer is low doing as well as can be expected.

25th July 1891: Whitstable Times and Herne Bay Herald

SPLINTER SEVERELY INJURES BOY

A serious accident occurred on Saturday to James Hall, brother-in-law of Lewis Vaughan, of Preston, in the employ of the Rural District Council. They were rolling the road near Brenley Corner with the new roller just purchased by the Council, and the engine was going backwards. Hall was

cleaning the side of it with cotton waste when it caught in the pinion wheel and dragged his hand in, crushing it. Luckily Vaughan at once reversed the engine otherwise Hall would have had his arm torn off. The injured man was removed to the Cottage Hospital where it was found necessary to amputate the fore arm. Dr. F.W. Gange performed the operation, and Hall is going on very well.

A terrible accident also occurred on Saturday at Loyterton Farm, Lynsted, to Thomas Gunn, the 15 year old son of a town scavenger at Sheerness who had come down for the hopping. The boy slipped when on a hay stack, and two pieces of wood perforated the abdominal wall, whilst another piece went through the right kidney. The injured boy was removed in the farm house where he received medical attention, and still lies in a very precarious condition."

23rd September 1905: Whitstable Times and Herne Bay Herald

GUN ACCIDENTS

FAVERSHAM. On Friday afternoon an accident, which might have been attended with fatal consequences, happened to Mr Miles, of Sandwich, as he was travelling with his bazaar cart, between Greenstreet and Faversham. When near the latter place, he passed a cart driven by Mr. Denne, farmer, of Oare, and almost immediately a gun in the hind part of Mr. Denne's cart went off, lodging its contents in Mr. Miles's head, face, and side. Medical assistance was obtained as soon as possible, and the sufferer was conveyed to St. Ann's Cross public-house, Ospringe-road. It is feared that he may lose the sight of his right eye.

16th February 1847: Kentish Gazette

MILES V. DENNE. It appeared that as the plaintiff,

who is proprietor of a bazaar, with which he travels from fair to fair, was walking in advance of his cart, near Greenstreet, on the 5th February last. The defendant, a gentleman farmer, living near Faversham, came in an opposite direction in a dog cart. A gun in the defendant's cart went off at that moment, and shot the plaintiff in the face, and inflicted upon him such serious injury that he has since lost the sight of one eye, and the probability is, that he will lose that of the other.

It was alleged that the plaintiff gained £200 per annum by his occupation, which he had now been altogether incapacitated from following. The accident was attributed to the carelessness and negligence of the defendant, and the damages were laid at £500. It was shown that the defendant paid great attention to the plaintiff after the accident, and he had paid for the medical attendance and other expenses.

Verdict for the plaintiff - damages £250.

3rd August 1847: Kentish Gazette

LYNSTED. A BOY SHOT DEAD.- The painful circumstances attending the death of John Bingham, aged 12 years, son of a brick-field labourer, of Lynsted, formed the subject of inquiry before Mr Coroner Harris on Saturday last. From the evidence it seems that the boy was employed by Mr John Howland, bailiff to Mrs Elvey, to keep the birds off an orchard. He was not allowed to use shot, but appears to have got some, and accidentally shot himself in the neck. He died almost instantaneously. The Jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally shot," and added a rider to the effect that the child was too young to be entrusted with firearms.

27th July 1888: Kent and Sussex Courier

FATAL GUN ACCIDENT.- On Friday afternoon a lad named Bingham, 11 years of age, was engaged in scaring birds in an orchard at the back of the Dover Castle Inn, when he met with an accident. It appears that the gun accidentally went off, and the charge lodged in the boy's neck. He died shortly afterwards. An inquest was held on Saturday, when a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

21st July 1888: Whitstable Times and Herne Bay Herald

KENT PLANTATION TRAGEDY. DISOBEDIENCE LEADS TO BROTHER'S DEATH. A terrible shooting tragedy has occurred in a strawberry plantation at Doddington, near Faversham, a boy named Henry Alfred Butler, aged 13 years, being shot by his elder brother, William, four years his senior. As a result of the injuries, the unfortunate boy died subsequently in Faversham Cottage Hospital. The boys' parents live at Greenstreet, and the elder boy had been engaged in scaring birds in the plantation at Doddington, for which purpose he had a gun. Powder only was used, no shot being allowed. The tragic occurrence appears to have been a pure accident, but it would not have happened had not the elder boy departed from his instructions not to use shot. On Saturday, June 27th, with the object of killing blackbirds, he twice loaded his gun with small stones, and on the first occasion he brought down a blackbird. On the second, while turning round to locate another bird, to which his attention had been called by his brother - who really had no business in the plantation at all - the gun went off and the younger boy received the charge in his abdomen and wrist. Frightened at the shocking occurrence, the boy William neglected to call any assistance, pledged a smaller boy who was with them not to tell of what had happened, and somehow or other got his wounded brother

home - a three-quarters of an hour's walk. The injured boy must have been in great pain, for several times on the way he stopped and lay down, and expressed the wish that he might die. On arrival home he was attended by a doctor, and was afterwards removed to Faversham Cottage Hospital, where he died on Sunday afternoon from shock and haemorrhage.

Mr. C.B. Harris held the inquest on Monday afternoon, when a verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned.

7th July 1908: South Eastern Gazette

TEYNHAM TRAGEDY.

An inquest was held on Monday afternoon at the Plough Inn, Lucerne Street, Teynham, before Mr. C.B. Harris, County Coroner, touching the death of Miss Winifred Nellie Gambell, aged 26 years, the youngest daughter of Mr. Henry Gambell, farmer and butcher, the result of a gun accident.

The father said he was at Teynham Railway Station at about 8.40 a.m. on the 21st inst., when he heard of the accident. He returned home at once, and found his daughter lying on the ground in a but in the orchard close to the house, suffering from a wound in her body. She was quite conscious. She told him that she had struck at a rat in the shed. She died at 12.45 p.m. the same day. His daughter had taken a double-barrelled breech-loading gun, loaded in both barrels. She told him that both barrels were down when she struck at the rat. Witness added that the deceased was a good shot, and frequently went out shooting rabbits, etc.

George Edward Read, labourer, of Greenstreet, said he was driving a horse and cart by at the time, and he heard a peculiar noise. He saw the deceased on the ground, partly outside the hut in the orchard. She beckoned to him and he went to her assistance.

Ernest Frank Hemsley, wheelwright, of Lucerne Street, who was called to the farm soon after the accident, said the young woman remarked to him, "What a fool I was to strike at the rat."

Dr. J.P. Henderson stated that part of the bowels were shattered, as was also the right hip joint, by the charge of shot. The case was hopeless from the first, and death resulted from shock and loss of blood.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned, and the jury expressed their sympathy with the family.

The remains of the deceased young woman were interred in Norton Churchyard on Thursday afternoon, amid a storm of wind and rain, in the presence of the members of her family and near friends. The Burial Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev L.V. Goodenough, and a large number of floral emblems of love and regard were sent by friends."

31st December 1912: East Kent Gazette

"RUSHED TO HOSPITAL AFTER SHOOTING ACCIDENT. Sixteen-year-old Derrick Gambell, of Lynsted, Kent, was rushed 50 miles to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, to-day, in an effort to save his life following a shooting accident. A delicate major operation, which can only be performed in London was necessary.

While out rabbiting on his father's farm yesterday, Gambell, it is believed, was releasing a rabbit from a trap, when he stepped back on to his gun, which was being held by a 13-year old friend. The gun went off, shattering his back and head. He was taken to the Faversham Cottage Hospital, and later removed to London."

25th October 1937: Nottingham Evening Post & Evening Telegraph