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THE SUICIDE AT BELGRAVE

INQUEST

Mr. Robert Harvey held an inquest at the Leicester Infirmary this afternoon, touching the death of a shoe pressman, named Walter Capewell, aged 29, of 121 Halkin street, who cut his throat yesterday and died at the Infirmary from the effect of his injuries.

Dr. Rogers, assistant house-surgeon at the Infirmary, deposed that the deceased died in the institution about 9:30 yesterday morning from asphyxia and haemorrhage, resulting from an incised wound in the throat dividing the windpipe and the large vessel.

Mrs Capewell said that the deceased, who was her husband, had suffered from nervous debility during the past four months, and had been attended by a doctor. About five weeks ago he met with an accident while at work, which necessitated the amputation of two of his fingers. This had caused him to be occasionally depressed, but he had never said anything to suggest the possibility of his committing suicide. Deceased seemed to be in better spirits than usual on Tuesday and when he got up on Wednesday morning he said he would get witness a cup of tea. He did not bring the tea to her, and she got up about a quarter to 8 o'clock. She did not see him anywhere about, and she tried the front room door, and found that it was fastened. She called in Mr. Barnsdale, a neighbour, who effected an entrance, and later on she saw her husband lying in an unconscious condition.

John Thomas Barnsdale, who lives at 123 Halkin street, deposed of getting through the window of deceased house yesterday morning, and finding Capewell lying on his side near the door, with a wound in his throat. He was unconscious, and witness saw the carving knife (produced) near the

fireplace. Witness sent for Dr. Lewitt and the police, and after deceased had been attended to he was taken to the Infirmary. The jury returned a verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind".