

FELL ON SPIKES.

FATAL CLIMB FOR BALL.

SAD SEQUEL TO A GOOD TURN.

A 14-years-old Rodborough boy, Harold Pullen, of 6. Brickfield-terrace, met his death in a shocking manner last evening, falling on to some spiked railings, which entered his body and inflicted terrible injuries.

It is stated that the boy left his home about 6.30 p.m. to play with other lads in Spillman's-road. There were a number of smaller children playing in the road with a ball, and one of them threw the ball on the top of the porch of Fern Cottage, which is occupied by Mr. Ayers. They asked Pullen to recover the ball for them, and to oblige them he climbed up the spiked railings.

Coping Stones Give Way

He caught hold of a coping stone which suddenly gave way, causing the boy to fall on the top of the spikes. He died shortly afterwards.

INQUEST STORY.

BOY'S STATEMENT TO HIS FATHER.

"I am Bleeding to Death."

At the inquest this afternoon, the Coroner (Mr. J. R. Morton Ball), who sat without a jury, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

The boy's father, Samuel John Pullen, a tailor's presser, said he was working in his garden when the boy came running to the front door of the house, and said "I am bleeding to death, Dad," and then collapsed. Witness ran to his assistance, and, with the help of neighbours, carried him into the house.

Dr. Whitley said he found the boy lying on a couch in a state of profound shock. There was no external hemorrhage, but he found a punctured wound which extended to a depth of at least six inches, which had probably torn the iliac arteries. He himself went for the ambulance to remove the boy to the hospital for an immediate operation, but the boy died before the ambulance arrived. Death was due to internal hemorrhage.

Sympathy With Father.

Evidence was also given by Marion Doreen Phipps, a school-girl, who saw Pullen climb on to the railings to get a little girl's ball from the top of the porch and fall on to the spike.

The Coroner expressed sympathy with the father, who, he understood, had brought up the boy since he was four years of age.

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