

**SUICIDE OF A WOMAN IN PRESTON, YESTERDAY.—**  
**ALLEGED STRANGE CONDUCT OF HER HUSBAND.**—Early yesterday forenoon, a rumour was freely circulated in the town that a woman, named Jane Gent, wife of a reedmaker, named William Gent, residing at 26, Cromwell-street, had committed suicide by hanging. On our making enquiries as to the accuracy of the painful rumour, we found it to be too true. From what we have been able to learn it appears that the unfortunate woman has been in a desponding state for some time owing to the death of one of her children. The poor woman, who is said to have been married to Gent only about five years and nine months, during which time she has given birth to five children, was seen in the street about an hour previous to being found dead, obtaining milk for her children's breakfasts from a farmer's shandray, when she appeared to be in her usual state of health. She subsequently prepared breakfast for the children, washed them, and sent them out into the street to play. It appears that after the children left the house the deceased locked the door, procured a rope about half an inch in thickness, which she fastened to the railing at the head of the stairs. Afterwards, it seems, she placed the rope round her neck, and, standing on a landing in the staircase, jumped off, and put an end to her existence. A few minutes afterwards the children, four in number, went to the door for the purpose of entering the house, but were unable to gain admission. The children, thinking that their mother had left the house, and finding all attempts to gain ingress by the doorway useless, managed, by some means, to shoot up the house window, when the eldest scrambled through. On getting into the house, the poor child was horrified to find its mother suspended by a rope in the staircase. An alarm was immediately raised, and several persons were soon on the spot, when the rope was at once cut, but life was then extinct. Information was at once conveyed to the deceased's husband, who visited the unfortunate woman. After inspecting the corpse of his wife, we are informed that he observed in the coolest manner possible, "that it was like to be; but he must attend to his work," and without more ado locked up the defunct body of his wife in the house; put the key in his pocket, and proceeded to his usual vocation little concerned. Whether there is any truth in this report we are unable to say, but we hope that the rumour may prove incorrect.