

## MIRFIELD.

**AN EXTRAORDINARY AFFAIR.**—An inquest was held on Monday last, at the Beaumont's Arms Inn, Mirfield, before G. D. Barker, Esq., deputy coroner, on the body of a new born female child. The infant was the illegitimate child of Susannah Swithenbank, who lives at Mirfield; she had been attended during her confinement by a woman named Elizabeth Sheard. The child died immediately after its birth, and Sheard accused the mother of having murdered it. Sheard made a deposition before the Magistrates, in which she stated that from certain marks of violence visible on the body she was satisfied that the infant had come unfairly by its death. Before the coroner she contradicted this statement, and the evidence of Mr. Bradbury, of Mirfield, surgeon, quite removed all suspicion of murder from the minds of the jury, who returned a verdict that the child had died from natural causes. The woman Sheard, by the desire of the jury, was reprimanded by the coroner "for having deposed to facts before the Magistrates tending to implicate the mother of having wilfully caused the death of the child, which were contradicted by, and inconsistent with, the evidence given by her to the jury, and with that of Mr. Bradbury, the surgeon, who had examined the body."

**FOOT RACE.**—On Monday last, upwards of three thousand persons assembled on Mirfield Moor, to witness a race for £50 aside, between the well known runner James Hincheliffe, of Thornhill, and Emanuel Squires, of Scholes; the distance to be 160 yards. After a well contested run, Hincheliffe was declared the winner.