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A shepherd of Mr Solomon's was found last week in the hut of his usual residence, lying on his back, his face betokening the most excruciating pain of mind and body, and with the death rattle in his throat, his last expression was that he had been "located", a slang term imported from the sinks of London, signifying that poison or other unfair means had been made use of to get rid of him while in a state of partial intoxication, whether the man was led to believe so from certain suspicious circumstances we know not, but it was proved by Dr. Cussen, on a post mortem examination that the only unfair means used had been practised by himself, spirits had been the poison, that the only unfair means used had been practised by himself, and that only the habitual intoxication he had indulged in had led or could lead to the destruction of so strong and fine a man.