

### *News, Notes and Queries*

If this was the only instance of gangrenous ergotism due to damaged grain that has been recorded in England, then the person who wrote the inscription in Wattisham Church used a particularly apt expression when he called it 'A singular calamity'.

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