

Sugar of Lead: Accidental Poisoning or Attempted Murder?

CORK CRIMINAL COURT.—TUESDAY, MARCH 28.
ATTEMPT TO POISON.
Rachael Shannon was indicted for attempting to poison Mary Hickey, at Bandon, on the 27th February.

The Londonderry Standard, 5 April 1837, p. 4

Rachael Shanahan was found guilty before Baron Richards at Cork, on Wednesday, of attempting to poison Mary Hickey at Bandon, by a mixture of sugar of lead baked in a cake of which she ate.

The Galway Patriot, 5 April 1837, p. 3

Rachel Shannan was indicted for attempting to poison Mary Hickey, at Bandon, on the 27th February. She was found Guilty, and sentence of death was recorded.

The Bombay Gazette, 9 August 1837, p. 419

No.	NAMES.	Age.	Crimes as stated in the Committal.	When Committed.
142	Timothy Sullivan	23	Stealing Clothes	1837
143	Dennis Murphy	22	Stealing Wool	March 1 st
144	Rachel Shannon	30	Attempt to Poison Mary Hickey	d ^o
145	Abigail Sullivan	21	Stealing Money from person	d ^o
146	Thomas Constance	23	Rape on Abby Sharkey	d ^o

Excerpt from passenger manifest of the convict ship *Diamond* that sailed from Dublin to New South Wales, 1837-1838.

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... Alfred Swaine Taylor. an experienced medical jurist. The stomach, in this case, had not been cut open and its ... Rachel Shannon, tried at the Cork Lent Assizes, 1837.1 "There can be very little doubt," he observes, "that many ...

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