

AN ITALIAN WOMAN BURIED ALIVE.

An Naples the Appeal Court has had before it a case not likely to inspire confidence in the minds of those who look forward with horror to the possibility of being buried alive. It appeared from the evidence that some time ago a woman was interred with all the usual formalities, it being believed that she was dead, while she was only in a trance. Some days afterward, the grave in which she had been placed being opened for the reception of another body, it was found that the clothes which covered the unfortunate woman were torn to pieces, and that she had even broken her limbs in attempting to extricate herself from her living tomb. The court, after hearing the case, sentenced the doctor who had signed the certificate of decease and the Mayor who had authorized the interment, each to three months' imprisonment for involuntary manslaughter.

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