

FATAL ACCIDENT AT THE MIRFIELD STATION.—

An accident of a frightful character occurred at the Mirfield railway station on Tuesday night, and resulted in the immediate death of the sufferer. The London and North-Western down train, which is due at Mirfield at 10.23, had just been put in motion, when a cry was heard, and at the same time one or two of the carriages in front jumped, as though passing over some obstruction. The engine-driver was signalled to stop the train, and he did so before it had gone beyond the platform, when the body of a man was discovered on the line, quite dead, the head being literally crushed to pieces. The wheels had passed over the face and head, squeezing out the brain, and death must have been instantaneous. On being taken to the light, the body was recognised as that of a man named John Haigh, in the service of Mr. Rhodes, maltster, Mirfield, and who officiated at the refreshment-rooms occasionally as waiter. It is supposed that he had crossed the line, and was passing between the carriages to the platform, when the train was started, and he fell down. No blame appears to attach to any of the officials, and the unfortunate man was violating the regulations of the station in crossing the line as he did.