

FATAL ACCIDENT.—About half-past eight yesterday morning William Sykes, of Mirfield, a boy employed at the Dark-lane colliery, met with his death under the following circumstances:—A cage was about to be drawn up, and he was heard to say he would ride a couple of yards upwards. When the signal was given he seized the framework and was drawn up to the top. He was, however, knocked off by the trap-door and fell to the bottom, a depth of 44 feet. The banksman, John Elsworth, went down the shaft at once, and discovered the unfortunate boy lying at the bottom quite dead. The deceased was only ten years of age, and was of a very playful disposition.