

A BURGLAR CLEVERLY CAPTURED AT MIRFIELD.—On Friday, Wm. Nicholls, a returned convict living at Mirfield, was charged at the Dewsbury West Riding Police-court with felony, and committed for trial to the sessions. The circumstances connected with the case are somewhat remarkable. The West Riding Constabulary, whose head-quarters are at Dewsbury, received information that Nicholls was contemplating a robbery in Mirfield of a very serious character. They made inquiries, and found that the prisoner had planned a burglary at the house of Mr. Joseph Pilling, a retired corn merchant, and was prepared to go to great lengths in case he met with any opposition. A watch was thereupon set upon his movements, and guard kept over Mr. Pilling's dwelling. On Tuesday night Nicholls and a couple of companions came stealthily to the house, and the former was pounced upon just in the act of going round the premises—he having tried a back window, when he was pounced upon by a number of constables. The prisoner, who made a desperate resistance, was overpowered, and eventually lodged in the Dewsbury lock-up. When apprehended, he had in his possession a small crow bar, a colliers' drill, and near him was another of larger dimensions. These were proved to the property of Messrs. Haigh, colliery proprietors, and to have been stolen the same night from the tool house at Ravensthorpe. It was for stealing these he was committed for trial.