

**STRANGE PROCEEDING OF A SIGNALMAN.**—A correspondent states that as the London and North-Western passenger train was leaving Huddersfield, and one of their goods trains from Copley Hill arrived at Crowther's siding, between Heaton Lodge and Mirfield, shortly before ten o'clock on Monday morning, they were stopped at the signal-box, where the whole of the signals were at danger. About the same time the Lancashire and Yorkshire passenger trains leaving Mirfield for Huddersfield at 9.35 and Huddersfield arrived at the same place, and were brought to a stand. The signalman, a man between thirty and forty years of age, who was in the service of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, walked down from his box to the driver of the company's train from Mirfield, and gave him the order, "Slacken the steam" (referring to the steam blowing off from the engine). The driver, probably thinking Armitage wished to state the cause of the block, slackened steam a little. Then Armitage, in a more peremptory and strange tone, called out, "Shut it off altogether; it's me that's talking to you." Then the driver shut the steam off entirely. Armitage then remarked, "It's sin that brought me here," and added, "I shall cause such a stagnation in Mirfield as never was known." He went on in a rambling style, and it was perceived that his mind had become deranged. He had locked the door of his cabin, after putting all the signals at danger, and had put the key in his pocket. The key was obtained from him, the trains proceeded towards their destinations, and he walked down the line to Mirfield, and was taken to his home at Hopton, where he was attended by a medical man. He is supposed to be suffering from religious mania.