

FATAL RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT AT MIRFIELD.

On Tuesday at the Huddersfield Infirmary, Mr. Barstow held an inquest touching the death of Smith Normington (18), of Battysford, Mirfield, corn miller, in the service of Messrs. Stott Bros., West Mills, corn millers, Mirfield. Mr. E. B. Wilson, solicitor, Mirfield, represented the family of the deceased. Mr. W. A. R. Beaumont, Her Majesty's Inspector of Factories, was present. The deceased was killed on Friday night by being whirled round a horizontal shaft 8ft. 6in. from the ground. Nobody saw the accident occur.—Jas. Gallon said he was accustomed to fasten a rope to the sacks which he wished to empty into the feeder which deceased was minding, and throw the rope over the revolving shaft so as to help him to empty them more easily, and it is thought that the young man must have been attempting to do something of that kind, as a rope was found tied to a sack and one end of the rope was hanging from the shaft. This was done without the knowledge of the firm. The jury, whilst finding a verdict of accidental death, expressed the opinion that emptying sacks in the way described was dangerous and ought to be discontinued. Mr. Fred Stott, one of the members of the firm, said it would have to be discontinued, and he would see that the mill was posted with notices to that effect.