

Slight Fires in Sheffield

The men of Central Fire Station were about to commence a programme of music last, after having partaken of their annual dinner, when they received two simultaneous "calls" to duty. One party under Supt. Pound, proceeded to No. 65 Porter street, occupied by G. H. Gyte, but found their services were not required. A fire had been lighted in a bedroom, and it is supposed that a spark from burning wood set fire to a mattress. One or two neighbours went upstairs and threw the mattress out of the window in to the street. A quantity of water was then poured upon the bedclothes, which were in flames. Beyond the damage to the bed and slight injury to the ceiling no loss was sustained by the occupiers - Firemen Horne and Dye, who went with a hand pump to No. 70, Snigghill, the *locale* of the second fire, discovered that a beam which passed through the chimney of the copper flue was smouldering. The inmates of the house, which is occupied by an oyster dealer, named Jane Hood, had minimised the danger by pouring bucketsful of water upon the burning mass, and the services of the firemen were not required to any great extent.