

Exiting Fire on Sheffield Moor

A fire of a serious nature took place on the afternoon of December 17th on Sheffield Moor. Shortly before three o'clock a message was received at the Fire Brigade Station that their services were required at Mr. John Atkinson's, draper, who had a large block of buildings on the Moor. Superintendent Frost and his men at once turned out on the tender, and upon arrival found a great volume of smoke coming from the direction of the cellar. The fumes were so dense as to make entrance into the cellar through the trap in the shop an impossibility, but at last two lengths of hose were got to work through the outside steps leading the cellar. The firemen experienced considerable difficulty in getting to work at once, owing to the awkward situation of the cause of the disaster, as blinding clouds of smoke were proceeding from one end of the cellar, and made it necessary for the workers to remain at a distance. After a steady stream of water had been poured into the cellar for some time it was found that a large quantity of waste paper had through some unknown cause become alight. This was promptly hauled up the trap by the firemen, and placed in the roadway. When this had been proceeding some time it was found necessary to use the hose again, but after about an hour's work the brigade were able to leave. The -damage will be considerable, for although nothing except waste paper was consumed the blinding smoke permeated every portion of the huge building, creating much mischief, and a quantity of goods are also injured by water.

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*BEGS TO STATE THAT THE WHOLE OF THE STOCK DAMAGED BY THE ABOVE NAMED
FIRE WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, FULL PARTICULARS OF
WHICH WILL APPEAR IN TOMORROW'S AND TUESDAY'S PAPERS.*