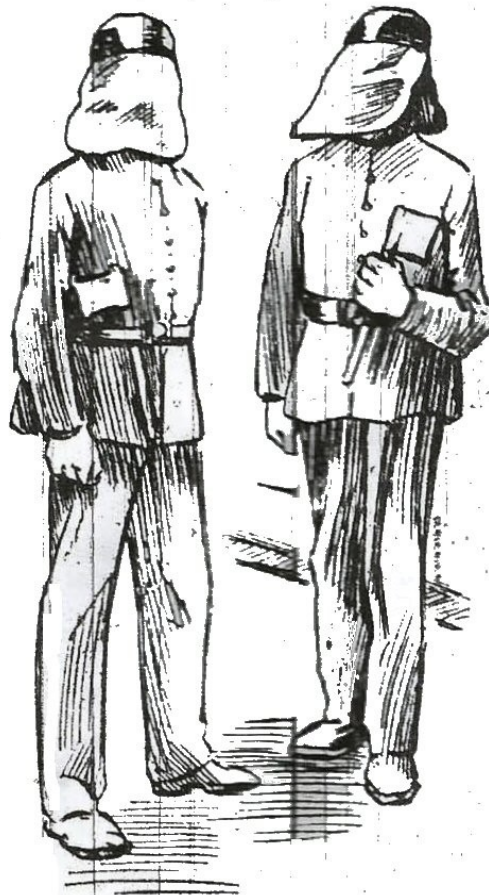


“Fighting the Flames” Heat-Veils for Firemen

One of the gravest perils which firemen are constantly facing is the fierce overpowering heat in which they are compelled to work. This peril, however, if we may believe recent information to hand from Germany, has ceased to exist.

After successful trials the newly invented “heat-veil” as illustrated by the accompanying photograph, has been introduced into practice at Cologne where two hundred men are being supplied with the appliance.

The veil is made after the principle of a safety-lamp, with double windows. It is composed of fibres of cane, which, as is known possess the peculiar property of retaining water for a considerable length of time. The veil is made damp before being fastened to the fireman’s ordinary brass helmet.



FIREMEN WEARING THE NEW VEIL

On enquiry at the headquarters of the London Fire Brigade yesterday, a “Daily News” representative was informed by one of the officials that nothing was known about the new invention. “If the heat-veil really possesses the important advantage attributed to it,” said the official, “there is no doubt that it will be in general use at an early date. I cannot, however, pass any judgement upon the invention before it has been thoroughly tested in this country.”

The official admitted that the London Fire Brigade had nothing among its appliances that could be compared to the Cologne heat-veil. The nearest approach was a smoke helmet, in the shape of the familiar diver's head gear, with an air-pump attached to it.