

## Runaway Fire Tender Young Fireman's Daring Feat

An alarming mishap occurred to the No. 1 pair-horse fire tender, fortunately attended with no grave results, on a turnout to a fire in Sheffield last night. A serious catastrophe was averted by the daring of a young fireman named Arthur Hammond, an ex-soldier of the Rifle Brigade, who has been in the brigade no more than a fortnight.

A call was received at 7.34 to a fire at a jeweller's shop in York Street, occupied by Messrs. Julius Isaacs and Co. It proved to be merely an affair of some waste paper alight in a cellar, and was speedily extinguished by the firemen who touted out from the Central Station with the motor escape.

West Bar Station, however, had also received a call, and Sergeant Smith at once turned out with the pair-horse tender.



Fireman Hammond

In West Box, near to Maxey's furniture establishment the wheels skidded on the treacherous road, causing the machine to come into collision with a dray, and then to jolt against the curb of the footpath. The force of the impact hurled the driver and three of the men behind onto the road, whilst the startled horses bolted at a gallop, with the reins dragging on the ground, down Bridge Street.

Fireman Hammond, who was sitting with three other men behind, climbed over the driver's seat on to the carriage pole and pluckily picked up the reins from the horses' feet, and handed them to Engineer Hebden.

Between them they succeeded in pulling up the horses at the bottom of Water Lane Water Lane in Bridge Street. But for Hammond's smart feat the runaway engine would have been carried into Lady's Bridge, one of the most congested parts of the city, in which event serious accident would, have been certain.

The men who were flung off the tender escaped comparatively lightly. The most seriously hurt was Fireman Milton, who was taken to the Royal Infirmary, but was not detained. Fireman Cornish was also cut about the face. The dray was not damaged.