

Fell Against the Fire

Sheffield Servant Girl's Serious Burns

At ten o'clock this morning the Sheffield Fire Brigade were called out to No. 106, Upperthorpe, the residence of Mr. Oliver, a hay and straw merchant.

The brigade turned out with a motor escape and an ambulance, and found on arriving at the house that a servant girl, named Emeline Barnett, 20 years of age, who lives at 20, Nightingale Street, Darnall, has been badly burned. She had lit the copper fire and while standing near became giddy and fell against it. Her clothing ignited, and in her terror she called Mrs. Oliver, who was upstairs. She ran out into the yard screaming for help. When Mrs. Oliver got down she attempted to extinguish the flames, which had got well hold of the girl's clothing, by means of mats and water. She ultimately succeeded, but not before the girl had sustained serious burns. Mrs. Oliver also sustained burns about the arms while putting out the flames.

The brigade rendered first aid, and took the girl to the Royal Infirmary, where she lies in a very serious condition.