

## Attercliffe Family in Burning Bedroom

A fire which created considerable excitement and alarm occurred at Attercliffe in the early hours of today.

At 677, Attercliffe Road, Sheffield, lived Miss Mary Hesselwood, who carries on the business of a blacksmith, and in the same house have been living Mr. and Mrs. J. Scorath and their baby. This family have occupied the front bedroom.

About 5.30 a.m., Mrs Scorath had occasion to light a candle to get something for the baby. Having attended to the wants of the little one, she blew out the light, got into bed and was dropping off to sleep again when she heard an unusual noise. On sitting up she saw the bed was on fire.

She roused her husband, who made his way from the room with the baby and Miss Hesselwood was also called and she made good her escape. Mrs. Scorath made an attempt to put out the flames and in doing so burnt her hands, which afterwards had to be dressed.

In the meantime policemen belonging to the Attercliffe division arrived on the scene and the Fire Brigade were summoned from one of the street fire alarms. The police put out the flames with buckets of water, but not before most of the bedclothes had been burnt, the bed canopy destroyed and the paper on the walls badly damaged. The loss will amount to about £30.

It is supposed that after Mrs Scorath lighted the candle she dropped the match, which was not quite extinguished, on to the floor and this caused the outbreak