

A FIERY BLAST.

Not often—no oftener than is necessary. You see it has to be a special affair; the engines at the pumping stations have to be going hard so as to lower the sewage, and the weather has to be chosen, for the sewers are risky enough without having danger to run from floods.

They're built, you see, of the finest and best bricks to be had, and, buried below the streets, you have some of the nearest brick-work in London. The object was to get bricks of the smoothest and finest, so that when built into a great tunnel or pipe, there should be no stay to the water running easily through.

My first journey through the sewers was after this fashion; notice had come down that about four miles were to be inspected—four miles sounds a good deal, but there are two thousand miles under London—and preparations were made. First, men were sent to open all the iron traps over the ways down, one of which there is about every five or six hundred yards, so as to ventilate the sewers; and the pumps having been kept well going, fifteen of us started early the next morning, with shovel and lantern, for the spot where we were to go down.

Now full half had never been down before, and there was a good deal of laughing going on as we put on the india-rubber dresses fitting tight up to the wrist and neck, and with a great hood to cover one's head and face when a danger came about which I'm going to tell you. Then we stood there ready in our big boots though I saw, great and stout, six-foot men turn as white and queer as could be.

"Take a nip of brandy each, my men," says the foreman, "and I'll give you pipes as well as your lanterns. We may as well be jolly over our job."

There was plenty of brandy handed round, and I saw that a good drop was ready to be taken down.

"Dutch courage," I says to myself, and then I too began to feel uncomfortable; for the grating was raised, and I was looking down a square well with foot-holes stuck in the wall, and on asking one of the men how far it was down, he told me that it was sixty feet.

"Sixty feet?" I didn't say anything, but I thought. A walk of four miles through a great drain all that distance below the surface! I told you I saw some men look queer. I know I felt so.

"Now then, all ready!" says the foreman. "You go first then, Smith," he says, speaking to an old hand, and stopping back himself—not to keep from taking the lead, but as I saw at once, to see that none of his men turned tail and shuffled off so early in the job.

Judging from the unwilling way in which some of the men crept down through that iron trap one at a time, like the demons and lumps of a theatre, I don't think there's a doubt about five or six of them having meant to slip off; but the foreman was right and came down last.

I know my first feeling, as I stepped off the last iron into a lot of black mud, was one of wanting to go back, and that feeling grew stronger as, almost pushed forward by the next man, I moved out of the entrance into the sewer, and stood with water up to my middle, striking cold through my india-rubber clothes, and pressing against me as if to sweep me down right away to the river. The place was for all the world like a great cellar stretching out into darkness, our lanterns glimmering and glancing on black water that seemed to go stealthily whispering along; and the faces of the men about me looked yellow and ghastly, as they all clustered together for safety like sheep in a strange fold.

"Now, my lads," the foreman says, "in a chery voice, there's nothing to be afraid of, without, like little children, you don't like being in the dark, so on we go."

On we did go, very slowly, with two or three of the old hands in front, and the foreman at the rear; the men who had made a bit of a laugh about being in the dark, talking all the time in a low whisper that sounded very hollow and queer.

I don't know whether I'm weaker than other men, but somehow, at every step I took, with the water bearing against me and pressing me on, there was a cold feeling of scare creeping over me, and I kept on thinking, think, about all sorts of things, and I should have felt better, if I'd been free of. First I got thinking about rain; suppose it should rain and the gullies run fast, the water would rise quickly, and we should all be swept away.

I got the better of that by remembering the side entrances, out of which we could easily get.

Then there was another horrible thought came to worry me, and as if it was something putting it all into my mind, so as to torture me, there came at the same time the recollection of my wife and little ones, and I wondered what would become of them if we should be all overcome and suffocated by the bad gases that floated about over the water.

I started just then at our foreman's voice, for it was evident that some one had not only been thinking the same, but speaking about it, for the foreman says:

"And suppose there was gas about; we had the doors all open to ventilate the place."

The man gave a sort of grunt, and we went slowly splashing on, our lights flashing about in a dull yellow way. Now we are halted to use our spades at the mouth of some drain, where there seemed to be a little collection of sediment; and again at another place, where we could feel there was mud under our feet; but it was soon sent sweeping down, for the smooth, fine brick of which the tunnels were made kept back but little refuse.

If we could have been kept on busily at work, I believe that nothing would have happened; but as it was, wading along through the foul water, first one and then another man got low and nervous, and the first notice I had of it was by seeing the man in front of me suddenly go down, with a hollow echoing splash.

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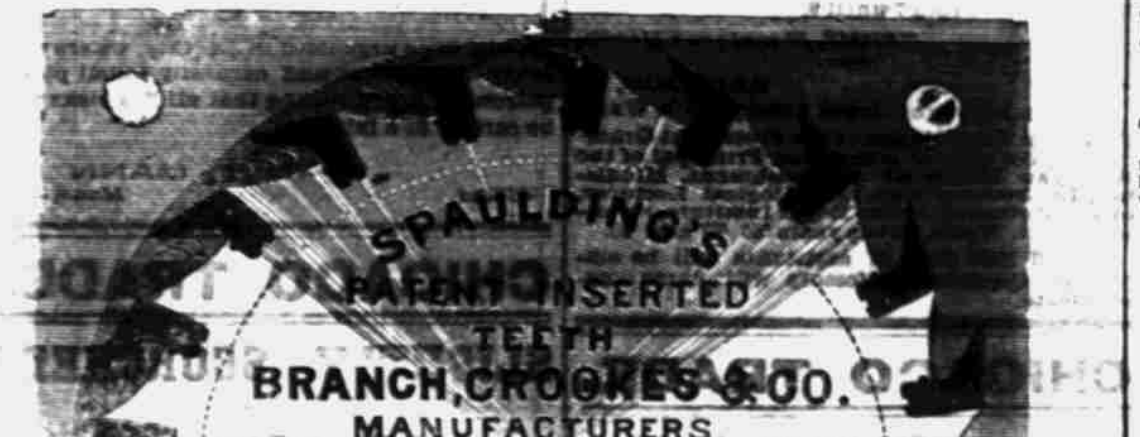
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