



Accidental Shooting

A shocking accident occurred at Horton on Thursday last. A youth, in the service of Mr. W. Brown, had been employed to keep off the birds from a field of corn, and had been provided with a pistol for the purpose. With the view of making a greater noise when he fired the pistol off, the lad filled it with pebbles or small stones, and when thus loaded he carelessly laid it down. Soon afterwards a little girl took it up, and presenting it at a young woman named Elizabeth Merrett, who had been at work in the field, exclaimed "look here, Lizzy!" and pulling the trigger, the pistol went off, the contents passing through Merrett's lower jaw on the right side, and lodging in the back of the neck, dreadfully lacerating her face.

The best of medical aid was promptly afforded, and every thing has since been done that can have a tendency to mitigate the young woman's condition, but fears are entertained that the result will be fatal. Nothing can exceed the mild resignation with which she bears her sufferings, and her thankfulness for the attention paid her. She sent for the little girl who fired the pistol, and begged her not to be uneasy, as she was satisfied she had no intention of injuring her; and assured her she freely forgave her.

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