

HORRID ACCIDENT. A most distressing accident occurred in Winchendon (Mass) Factory, on Monday, the 24th ult. The following particulars we get from a letter from that place, to a gentleman in this town: Amos Adams, a young man about 18 years of age, one of the card strippers, in attempting to unwind a belt which had got wound up round the main line of shaft, (a three inch shaft, which we are informed revolves more than a hundred times a minute,) in the card room, caught his fingers under the strap. His right arm was wound round and round the shaft, breaking it in four places, smashing the collar bone, and drawing the shoulder from its socket. In the fright and consternation of the moment, most of the girls stopped their machinery, thereby increasing the speed of the shaft. In this horrid situation he was carried round from fifty to one hundred times, with the shaft—every revolution doubling his body, and threshing his legs against the floor above, and then against the cards below, breaking one of his thighs in two places, and knocking his feet to pumice. The case was beyond surgical skill, and no operation was performed. He survived the accident seven hours. His head was uninjured, and he retained his mental faculties perfect, to the last. He bore his misery with the most astonishing fortitude, and related all the circumstances of the case, with great coolness. He seemed to take a kind of satisfaction looking at his mangled limbs, and every now and then his head at his own request, was raised up for that purpose. [Dunstable Telegraph.]