



Railway Accident

Saturday morning an accident of a serious nature, but which was, happily, unattended with loss of human life, occurred on the Great Western Railway, about half a mile from the Wootton Bassett station. It appears that some repairs are being executed on the line in the vicinity of the junction at Swindon station, and it is customary for an engine with a truck attached to proceed to Bath in the morning for those persons engaged on the work; on Saturday the engine started as usual, and when within half a mile of the station at Wootton Bassett, a horse, which had been employed to drag trucks on the permanent way, happened to be on the line on which the engine was travelling, unobserved by the engine driver, who was going at a moderate speed, and before the engine could be stopped, the poor animal was knocked down, and killed, and the engine having been thrown off the rails by the shock, caused an obstruction on the line.

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