

## **FATAL BLACK DAMP.**

**Boys in an Abandoned Mine Overcome  
and Two Are Suffocated.**

STREATOR, Ill., July 27.—While some boys were playing ball in the southern part of the city, their ball suddenly disappeared in a sinkhole over an abandoned coal mine. One of the boys named Goldschmidt went after it. As he did not return the other boys went to the sink and could see him lying at the bottom. They called a young man named John Munn, aged 19 years, and he jumped into the hole to assist Goldschmidt. He, too, fell to the ground, and then it was learned that the boys in

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the sink had been overcome by the black damp from the abandoned mine.

Michael Irgang and Henry Ostert, who were near by, were summoned, and they also jumped into the hole. A general alarm was given by sending in a fire alarm, and by using ladders the crowd which had assembled succeeded in bringing all, except Goldschmidt, to the top. Munn was dead and Ostert was so badly overcome that it is feared he cannot recover. He was taken to the hospital. The search for the body of young Goldschmidt still continues, and it is thought his body may have fallen through into the mine.

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