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**May 7, 1860; Reppliers Colliery (Anthracite),  
Minersville, Pa.; 2 Killed**

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1860)*

On Monday morning about 9 o'clock at Reppliers Colliery, Minersville, an explosion of firedamp took place, shockingly mutilating 2 miners and 2 boys. One miner and one of the boys died. The explosion was caused by the neglect of the miners in leaving their safety lamps in the breasts at night, and going in in the morning with naked lamps to get them.