## SAVED BY A BOY'S BRAVERY.

Miners at Houghton, Mich., Narrowly Escape Being Killed by an Explosion of Dynamite.

HOUGHTON, Mich., May 7.—With a box containing 200 pounds of dynamite on fire ten feet away from him, John Thomas, a boy who runs a compressed air hoisting engine in the Tamarack Mine, stuck to his post and saved the lives of the men at work in the mine by his wonderful bravery.

Ten seconds after Thomas had hoisted the men to the level the dynamite exploded, smashing the engine to pieces and doing other damage, but the men and the boy, to whom they owe their lives, were in a place

of safety.

The miners working in the twenty-third level had put seven cases of dynamite in a box for future use. At noon a miner, accompanied by Thomas, went to the box and found it on fire. Thomas went to his post, gave the alarm to the miners in the level below, and ran his engine until he had hoisted them out. He then fled. The alarm of fire caused great excitement, but no miners were injured in the rush to reach daylight from a depth of from 3,000 to 4,000 feet.

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