

Railway Accident

On Tuesday last, about 2 a.m., a shocking accident happened to a man employed as a switch-man at the G.W.R. station, Swindon, named Thomas Eastman, a native of Stratton St. Margaret. He was engaged near the platform, and it is supposed while getting out of the way of one engine he was knocked down by another coming in an opposite direction. The engine passed over the poor fellow's thigh, smashing it in a shocking manner. He was immediately picked up and conveyed to the 'Queen's Hotel Tap', where he was attended by Drs. Swinhoe and Gay, who successfully amputated the limb, and we believe he is likely to recover. Eastman had only been engaged at the spot a short time, he having taken the place of another man who was away ill. He has a wife and two young children.

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