

**CANNIBALISM AT MIRFIELD.**—Yesterday, Henry Brook, collier, of Mirfield, was brought up at the Court-house, Dewsbury, charged with unlawfully wounding Henry Laycock, of the same village, on the previous Saturday. Mr. Ibberson defended the prisoner. The evidence went to show that Brook and Laycock, on the afternoon of Saturday, were drinking with a number of companions at the Shoulder of Mutton, Mirfield, and had a contest at wrestling, in which Laycock was victorious. This apparently ruffled Brook's temper, and he became quarrelsome. The landlord ordered both men out of the house, but they began to fight on the porch, and Brook having thrown Laycock to the floor, bit his nose off. The piece was afterwards picked up. After this, Laycock, incensed at losing the best half of his nasal organ, rushed at Brook and thrashed him soundly, the blood streaming from his face all the time; and when he had satisfied his revengeful feelings, he was taken home, and had his injuries attended to by a surgeon. The medical evidence was to the effect that considerable violence had been used in separating the parts, that the wound was jagged and torn, and that the upper parts of the sufferer's nose bore other teeth marks, as if a fresh grip had been taken. The prisoner, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial. Laycock, it is stated, will be disfigured for life, and will to a great extent lose his power of distinguishing different scents.