
BOILER EXPLOSION IN TEWKSBURY.

A portable boiler used by Luther Kitteredge, a contractor, in removing a ledge at Phoenix, exploded yesterday afternoon and Joseph M. Hamblet, engineer, had his leg broken above the ankle, and he received severe bruises on his thighs, elbows and right ankle. At the time of the accident he stood within ten feet of the boiler, and was blown about fifteen feet by the explosion. On attempting to rise to his feet, he found his leg broken. He was then conveyed to his home and his leg was set by surgeons. The boiler was totally demolished, and pieces were thrown a distance of 50 to 500 feet, one into the village, a third of a mile distant. The cause of the explosion is attributed to a defect in the old boiler, portions of which were found after the explosion to be very thin and incapable of standing much pressure. The boiler was valued at nearly \$200. The work which is being done at the scene of the accident is the removal of a hill and a ledge to the westward of the Whitehead & Atherton works. The men have been at work there four or five weeks.
