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AN ACCIDENT of a somewhat serious nature befell Mr. Powell Williams, of the Ark Works, Chelmsford, on Wednesday of last week which in charge of a crane at Messrs. Mark Firth and Co.'s iron works, Sheffield. Mr. Williams was about 30 feet above the ground floor of a workshop where some men were knocking pieces off iron plates with sledge hammers. Two of these pieces flew up with such terrific force that they penetrated the slate roof. They passed near Mr. Williams, who, when turning to ask the men below to stop for a minute, was struck by a third piece of metal in the right eye. For the time, at any rate, he is deprived of the sight of that eye. Mr. Williams has since returned to Chelmsford. Whether the sight of the eye can be restored and preserved is as yet uncertain. Mr. Williams, who is very popular among his Chelmsford friends, is a son of Mr. Joseph Powell Williams, M.P. for South Birmingham, who, until lately, was financial secretary to the War Office.