Augustus Thompson

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About dusk on Saturday evening a most melancholy and fatal accident happened to Augustus William Thompson, aged three years and four months, son of George Thompson, Esq, of the Albert Hotel, Whroo.

Whilst playing with his brother and sister and other children at a puddling machine not in use, near his home, he was struck on the forehead by one of the arms of the machine, and knocked down. He went home and was put to bed, and in a short time was seized with fits, and died at two o'clock on Sunday morning.

A magisterial inquiry, before Mr Benbow, took place to-day, and a post mortem examination made by Dr Heily gave as the cause of death laceration of the brain.

The body was interred in the Whroo cemetery this evening, the funeral procession comprising numerous friends.