

Tombstone Tuesday: Fireworks Incidents in 1863

SINGULAR AND FATAL ACCIDENT.—Several days since a young man, seventeen years old, passed a corner in the west division near which was a package of exploding fire-crackers. One of the dangerous missiles entered his mouth and completely cut in two his tongue. The poor fellow lingered in great agony until Tuesday, when death put a period to his sufferings.—*Chicago Tribune*.

Ten days since the son of Dr. R. B. Treat was so severely burned by one of these dangerous missiles as to be still kept in the house. There is far too much carelessness and danger in the use of all kinds of fireworks.

“Singular and Fatal Accident” in Janesville (Wisconsin) Daily Gazette, 20 June 1863, Vol. 7, No. 89, Page 3, Column 1.

And it wasn't even July 4th!!

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