

Miscellaneous.

Doctors' Experiences in the Gold Fields.

THE following is from a letter written by a physician located at one of the leading mining camps in the Selkirks, under date November 13th: "Everything here is snowed under. Yesterday thirteen of us went up to a mine where we had heard there had been an explosion and that it was feared a couple of men had been killed. After tramping and working our way up to the mine, where we had about six feet of snow, we found things all blown endways. Nothing except a few logs remained of the cabin. There were 150 pounds of dynamite in the place which had exploded. After a short hunt we found the body of one man minus his lower extremities; they had been torn off at the hip-joint. We also found pieces of flesh which I think belong to the second man, and two ten dollar bills. Then we returned home, having an eight-mile walk through three feet of snow on the level, reaching home about seven p.m. I was soaked through and dead tired. An hour later I saw that the Coroner had been notified. An inquest is to be held to-day. At present I am in the 'room with the stove in it' at the hotel. Besides me are, first, Dr. — (coroner), dozing over 'Vendetta,' by Marie Corelli, and holding an extinguished cigar in his mouth; second, Mr. —, mine owner of exploded property, reading a paper; third, a constable deeply engrossed in 'Boys on Coroners.' This delay is owing to the remains not having yet arrived, the pack horse and man having been seven hours away now and may be buried in a snow slide for all we know. I expect a search party will go and look for him if he does not arrive within an hour."

THAT BLOODY DUEL.

DR. DUNCAN'S CHALLENGE, AND THE REPLY OF DR. MILNE, WHO
SUGGESTS SOME NOVEL WEAPONS.

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Following are copies of the challenge, as published in yesterday's *Times*, sent by Dr. John Duncan, of Victoria, to Dr. Milne, of the same place, as noticed in these columns a few days ago, and the somewhat lengthy and interesting reply of the challengee: