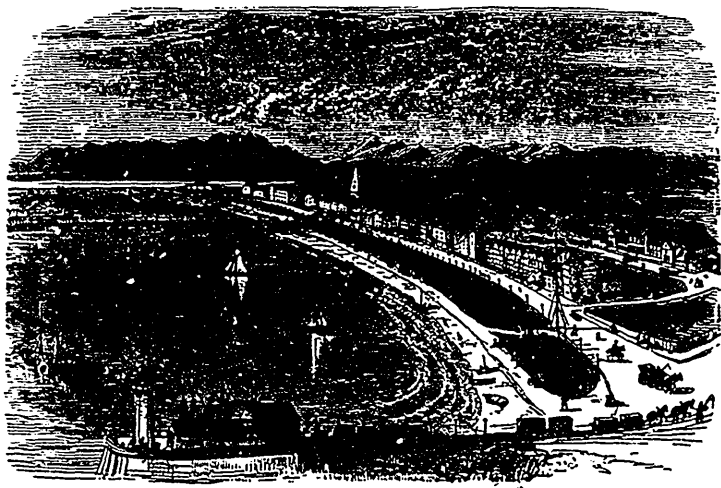


night the drifts entirely blocked the up road. We then worked the traffic for a short distance on the down line till an engine, which had been taken from its train to make a run at the drift, bedded itself so fast in the snow that it could not back out. From



A MIDLAND TRAIN SNOWED UP, NEAR DENT.

that time till Sunday morning it was a continual fight with the drifts to keep the line clear. Two engines with a gang of nearly six hundred men left Dent, and cut the drifts before them to Dent Head, and on their return had at once to repeat the process in order to get back—the drifts of snow filling every gully and cutting to a depth of 30 feet. During Saturday night it alternately



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rained and froze, so that the surface of the snow became firm and frozen; and on Sunday morning, when the gale ceased, the masses of snow would bear walking over." The engraving indicates the actual condition of affairs, showing all that was to be seen of an entire train, namely, the top of the engine funnel, the snow around being hard. After the line was reopened, a train of ten