

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

LUMPER FALLS 30 FT.

While employed in unloading coke yesterday afternoon from the steamer *Cian Macrae*, which is now lying at Ocean Steamers' Wharf, Martin Wiseman, a married man, residing at the Semaphore, had a miraculous escape from death. He was working on the overhead tramline, on which the coke is run by means of small trucks from the steamer into the waiting drays on the wharf, when he somehow fell into the vessel's hold, a distance of about 30 ft. He was picked up and taken to the Port Adelaide Casualty Hospital, where he was attended by Drs. Gething and Covenly, who found that the injured person was suffering from abrasions on the right shoulder. His right leg was also cut a little. When first brought in he was also suffering from slight concussion of the brain, but he soon recovered from this. Wiseman is still an inmate of the hospital.

Recent researches prove that aluminium is subject to two kinds of corrosion; one of these resulting from a uniform attack all over the surface, while the other is localised in scales and spots. It is to be noted that the second case is generally produced upon metal which is mechanically worked by drawing or rolling. As in the case of iron, it seems that the metal must be exposed to air and dampness at the same time, for one alone will not produce it. Carbonic acid is a leading element in the corrosion. Worked aluminium scales off in the direction in which the mechanical action

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