
It Was Loaded.

While Geo. Stevens was fooling with a repeating rifle one week ago last Thursday at the home of Silas Ingison, three miles south of town, the weapon was accidentally discharged. The ball went toward the floor at an angle, barely missing a young lady sitting near, and penetrating the floor with terrible swiftness passed within a few inches of the head of Mr. Ingison, who was at work in the room beneath, and then burying itself in the floor but a short distant from where that lady stood. It was a close call and should be a warning to all not to fool with firearms, especially around a house. If the mania seizes one, let him go out where no one may be hurt but himself. If people must fool with such things, let them turn the barrel toward themselves, so that they and no one else may be hurt by their foolishness.
