

## Flames Foiled Bid to Salvage His Home

SMOKE and flames met a Sheffield man when he opened the back door of his home last night. Using a rug for protection, he dashed inside to try to save some of the contents.

The man, 23-year-old Bill Downes, of 36, March Street, Attercliffe, was unable to save anything and had to escape through the window. He burned one arm and received slight cuts. Both downstairs rooms were gutted and most of the furniture destroyed. The other occupant of the house, Mr. Downes's 64-year-old father, Mr. Harry Downes, a widower, was out.

### Ex-Fireman There

When Sheffield Fire Brigade arrived they found a former comrade, Mr. Joseph Shimwell, fighting the flames with a garden hose.

Mr. Shimwell was in a shop not far away when the fire was discovered. 'Fire Brigade men said his work probably saved the upstairs rooms of the house.

The fire is believed to have been caused by a burning coal falling from the grate. Mr. Downes was taken for treatment to the Royal Hospital in a Sheffield Telegraph' car.