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my Visit to a Coalmine

"Once I had a friend in England, who had sent me a letter asking me if I wished to go to England. And go where he is working in a coalmine. Then when I had received the letter I answered him straight away that I will go. Then after a week I got the plane at 8 a.m. in the morning and I arrived at 8 p.m. in the evening. Then I got a taxi which took me to the largest record coalmine. And my friend was waiting for me outside the coalmine."

"Then I said, 'are you working hard here,' 'yes,' said my friend. And he took me to the manager's office. I met them with the managers and we were talking about the coalmine. After talking, we had a cup of tea each. When I had finished the tea, I decided to rest for the night. Because I was very tired of my journey. I told the manager, if he could find a place for me to rest. 'Yes,' said the manager. (and I went) 'You can sleep in the gands shed,' And I went to rest for the night."

"At the next day I awoke up and had breakfast. Then I said to the manager, 'Are you going to show me the Coalmine today?' 'Yes' said the manager."

"Then we went out of the manager's office, and he show me the top of the coalmine. On the top of coalmine I saw, the winding house, the upcast shaft head gear, the downcast shaft head gear, the lamp room, the cycle motor, the pit head baths, the clean clothes lockers, the stone

waste from picking belts, downcast shaft winding house, the washed small coal hoppers, the empty tubs, the boiler house, the private ridings, the coalwashing plant, the power house, the tipples, the locomotive shed, the slag heap.

After seeing the top of the coal mine we went down inside the mine in a lift.

As we were going down in our lift, we could see the others lifts, from the other side going up. We stop our lift at the first hollow of the mine, and we saw the miners at work. They were working as hard as they could. They were sweating, but I notice that they had a helmet with lamps on there helmet connecting a wire to a battery that they had beside.

Then we went further on. I saw a man by himself with an oil lamp beside him, he was using a kind of instrument called the pneumatic pick, he was winning coal, we left him there and carried on. After going a few yards we saw two miners working, they had a helmet each, but they did not have lamps on there helmet.

They had an oil lamp hanging on the roof. They had each a tool call a pick. And they were digging on the coal walls, but they were very tired.

We left them and we carried on, and we saw the tubs on rails full of coal. We carried on and got the lift and we went down deeper in the coal mine.

We saw beneath the ponderous roof of the mine pillars, one at



work. Armed with pointed rhovels, they load the loose coal from sections of the face is cleared the fillers set a new line of props to support the formerly - exposed section of the face. We carried on and we saw five or six miners, "drilling a shot hole for, "roof ripping." The hole will be charged with explosive cartridges by the shot-finemmen and the roof cleaned to open out the roadway to its full height. The explosives used in such operations are all of special types to avoid the danger of ingriting gas.

Again we went deeper in the lift. We went out the lift and carried on, and we saw a miner at the control of a cutter driven by compressed air. The worker has the coal face on his right. The powerful machine is steadily cutting a slot under the coal so that it can more easily be broken down. A strong wire rope extends from a drum in the machine to an anchoring prop. From the last walk we went forward and we saw a miner filling a tub from the delivery end of a face conveyor, which brings the coal to the main gates direct from the coal face. After being filled the tub will be taken to the pit bottom by haulage, thence to the surface, where its weight will be recorded and checked. After fining the miner with the tub we got the lift, and we went up to the top of the coal mine.

Going up we saw the miners resting for a while. When we had reached

the top, the manager decided to show me some more things, of the top of the mine.

He showed me as well the canteen, the shed for the miners to wash themselves, the entrance from pit, the boot creasing room, the boot cleaning room, the shower bath house, the clean clothes lockers, water storage tower, the calorifier room, the lockers for dirty pit clothes, the plenum chamber.

After the manager and my friend had shown me the coal mine, he invited me to a cup of tea. We went in the canteen and had a cup of tea each with some biscuit that I brought from the canteen. As we were drinking the tea, the manager said, "Did you like what I have shown you about the coal mine?" "Yes" it was very nice and very good. But I would not like to work on it, "why?" is it dangerous to work in a coal mine? Because of the explosive cartridges, well we will live that now, said I, and I looked at my watch and it was 8 o'clock on the night.

Then I said to my friend, and to the manager I am going to go to sleep, because I am sleeping tomorrow.

At the next day I got the plane at 8 a.m. but before leaving the coal mine I told my friend to write about coal mine. And he said, "yes" why not. Then the manager said for once more, "Did you like it," "yes" I said, but I would not dare to work in it. And went in the plane, the plane started to go.

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