

**Edgefield Factory Burnt.**—The Edgefield Cotton Factory, belonging to Messrs. Thomas Higginbotham & Co. was completely destroyed by fire on the night of the 22d instant, together with its contents. The fire is supposed to have been occasioned by a negro going in to steal, and dropping some of the fire which he carried as a light; the negro having been taken with property in his possession stolen from the factory. The loss is estimated at about \$20,000, half of which amount was insured.—Aug. Chron.