

men were at work, digging ~~four~~ and drilling preparing to put in a blast, my pen is not able to portray the scene, but to see the men some on ladders, digging, others on the ground doing the same; others seiving the coal, and others loading the cars, all with little lighted lamps attached to their caps, looking like so many dancing stars is a scene not easily described. After eyeing the workmen and the chamber for a length of time our guide conducted us to another chamber where we were greeted by one of the workmen, saying "Is this harder than teaching think ye?" I suppose he knew us but down there I did not know him. I asked Mr Fishburn who he was, he said that he

well suffice it to say I soon found myself sitting on the bottom of the car, each train consists of six cars, to which is attached one end of a long wire rope the other end being fastened to a large pulley wheel which is worked by the engine, this unwinds from the pulley as the cars go down; the rope extends the whole length of the slope when the cars get to the bottom there is a man there that unfastens the end of the rope and fastens it to a loaded train and thus the train is brought up the

trip there and back taking ~~some~~ but about 5 or 6 minutes, }  
Well to return to the subject, faint light like a distant  
Down we went (The engineer <sup>Star</sup>, the foreman told us to  
human and let us down gradual. Clear off the track but of  
ly) to the end of the main course the warning was  
slope; of course every thing was needless for as soon as we  
dark only the glimmer of heard the rumbling we were  
a miners lamp here and hugging the wall, we had  
There; well we clambered out stood breathless but a few  
Mr. H. holding my lamp while minutes when along comes  
I placed my feet on the our mutual friend (the mule)  
top of the car and then drawing a train of six cars  
gave a spring to the ground each containing a ton of  
came nearly falling grasped coal, on his way to the main  
out something and then track where he is unhitched  
was as black as any other and fastened to an empty  
"nigger" We then began our train and back again  
tour with some little fear and to supply the miners with  
a great deal of caution, cars, A few steps further and  
We had walked ~~but~~ a we were shown into one  
short distance when we of the chambers where the