

PATHE GAZETTE: 40/49. (DUBLIN)

CHIMNEY FELLING

There are more ways of felling a chimney than tapping it hard with the palm of the hand. Here's one other way. Men at the base first loosen the bricks that have kept the ancient stack a rack for years. But there's no haphazard method about this or the stack would crumble before they were ready. The idea is to make regular fire tunnels and burn the old chap out. Straw and twigs are packed into the tunnel, dry kindling that will leap into flame at the slightest provocation and by way of encouragement some paraffin is added. There's nothing for it but to go to blazes and it won't be long now. And down she comes with a roar. Now a proud chimney is nothing but rubble, so has the mighty fallen.

With this French chimney they adopt a different method. In spite of his stripes he has outlived his usefulness. So it's decided that the quickest way to get him down is to blow him up. A neat little hole or two in his ribs, a charge of explosive. Contact and up, rather, down he goes. And another earth bound giant is laid in the dust.