

SALT OF THE EARTH - Striking pictures of
a visit to the salt mines of Stassfurt.

-Brussia-

Picture. :- Underground below this chimney are--
--salt mine workings as extensive--
--as a small town.

Men descend into--
--the earth by means of cages.
Then by passages to the--
--salt beds. Work is--
--carried on by the light of--
--naked flares, as unlike coal there is no--
--danger of fire damp in--
--salt mines. Electrically driven borers--
--drill the salt face which--
--is then broken--
--up by explosives, salt makes the--
--throat dry but keeps--
--clothes and skin damp. I should--
--~~think~~ think the miners would be--
--quite pickled after a year or two. In order--
--to direct the explosions a--
--five drill borer is used to lessen--
--the danger of falls. The whistle has--
--gone, and the men get--
--towards the daylight again. They have only--
--to lick their lips to get a --
--thirst. Well, it's a life with a flavour, anyway !