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SAYING IT WITH FIRE.

WEIRD NEW YEAR CEREMONY.
FILMED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

-Allendale-

Picture.:-

Allendale, Northumberland, does itself proud with two bonfire nights in a year, and this one is the New Year's edition. Barrels of--

--burning tar are carried on, and by, hot heads to the bonfire. Precisely at midnight the flaming--

--tar is pitched on the pyre, and people start dancing, singing, pepping corks and wishing each--

--other all the nice things they hope they will get themselves in the New Year.

The excuse for all these goings-on is that in pagan days about--

--the year dot, some gay old bird thought that--

-it was a hot idea for a cold night's whoopee. But messing about with tar barrels on a dark night looks to me like dirty work.