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ONLY ONCE A YEAR ! Tens of thousands witness
the "most brilliant event of the year" - - Bridgwater's
Guy Fawkew Carnival.

-Somerset-

Picture .: - Guy Fawkes did this country a very good turn when he tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament. He created the firework industry.

Lots of people make the anniversary an occasion for revelry, but Bridgwater makes rather more-

-fuss of it than most. The reputation of this Guy Fawkes Carnival lines the streets--

--with some twenty thousand townspeople and visitors. The torchlight procession is a very highly coloured and brillient affair. Decorated cars--

-- reach a high standard of artistic and entertainment merit. Peanuts seem to be popular. "Costers in-

-- Carnival" is another of many amusing cars. One of the chief features of this "whoopee" is a squib contest. Special squibs--

-- are made for the purpose. Giant fellows of --

-- almost six feet long. They're all lighted simultaneously, and the one which squibs the longest gets--

-- the prize. Through all this ado shops are boarded up --

-- to prevent damage and the town monuments protected against being comandeered for grandstands. Well, let's be gay !