

TRAGEDY'S MOVING SCENES

Pathetic Incidents Illuminated by the Flames at Chelsea.

STORIES PULLED FROM THE RUINS

Chauffeur Forced with a Gun to Save an Aged Woman—Suicide of an Unknown Man—A Refugee for Cats.

Columns and columns of news of the Chelsea (Mass.) fire have been printed in the various papers since the flames swept the city, April 12, but in the crush of regular news matter many amusing and touching incidents which happened during the fire and which in many cases illustrate forcibly what the situation really was and what people there had to go through have been crowded out and have until now only been told by word of mouth.

There are thousands of stories (all true stories, too, for there is no cause for exaggeration, the truth being strange and inconceivable enough), which are being recalled of the trials and experiences of the refugees, most of them being repetitions of their narrow escapes, futile attempts to save their property in their pockets or in trunks and of then watching their houses burn from a distance, powerless to do anything to help stop the flames.

Nothing has been printed of the desperate unknown man, one who presumably had been burned out of home and who committed suicide near Union park, the open plot near the Chelsea railway station, while the fire was raging its way across the city. Several persons were in or near the park at the time and witnessed the tragedy.

The smoke was pouring in all about the square and the flames were beginning to eat into the buildings bordering the square. The heat was intense and flying embers and cinders were falling everywhere. The air was yellow and oppressive with the smoke and heat, and everyone was hurrying to get out of the path of the flames—save one man.

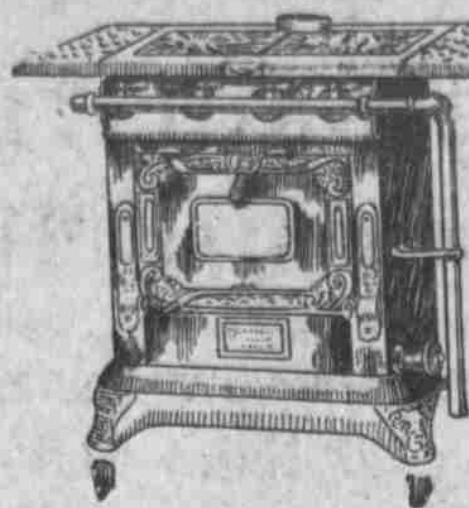
He stood on a corner, downcast, sad, seemingly unmindful of the onrushing danger. Several shouted to him to hurry away or he would be run down by the fire, but he paid attention to no one. At times he was hidden by a cloud of dense smoke that the high wind drove down into the square and when it was cleared away he was seen still standing there. The last persons that were able to get through the square before the flames swept across it saw the man raise his eyes to the heat wave above him. Slowly he put his hand into one of his hip pockets and drew forth a revolver. A few caught sight of this as they were running across the square, but none could reach his side before he placed the revolver at his forehead and fired. He fell, and no one could in safety stop, the body lay there until the flames reached and consumed it.

Forced to Save Woman. A young man was standing on Arlington street supporting his aged and infirm mother. They had been driven from their home by the flames and he had half-carried, half-dragged her as far as he could until his strength left him. Tongues of fire were leaping over their heads and the old woman was half-unconscious from the oppressive heat. Death stared them both in the face. An automobile came along and the young man called it. The driver stopped and the young man asked him if he would take him and his mother to a place of safety. "I have five in my pocket, my pay received last night, and every cent I have in the world, but you can have it if you will have us. I would give you \$500 if I had it, but \$15 is all I have."

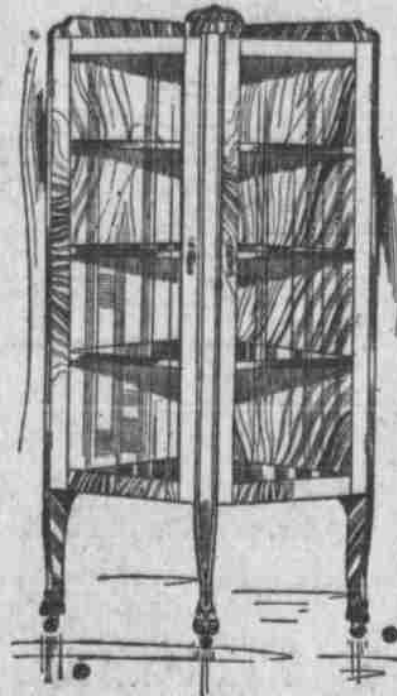
The chauffeur calmly announced that he couldn't accommodate them unless he was given \$25. Another man who had been hurrying by had stopped to see if he could be of help to the mother and her son and heard the demand of the automobile driver. Whipping out a revolver, which he had taken from his bureau drawer when the fire drove him from his house, he leveled it at the driver's head. "You take this young man and his mother wherever they want to go, and at the same time directed the car into the machine.

Another man with the gun climbed in also, helping the driver proceed with the woman all the time, compelled him to take them all outside of the fire limits. They reached the safe spot, he gave the young man and said, "Now, you give that driver a 4-d cent, and be didn't."

Invald Walks a Mile. The impression that most people living in the path of the fire had that the flames would be subdued before they reached them resulted in many narrow escapes, inasmuch as these people didn't leave their homes until the last minute. In a house on Walnut street lived an elderly woman, who had been gravely bedridden for months. She was able to sit in a chair for awhile each day, but she hadn't walked the length of her house in a year.

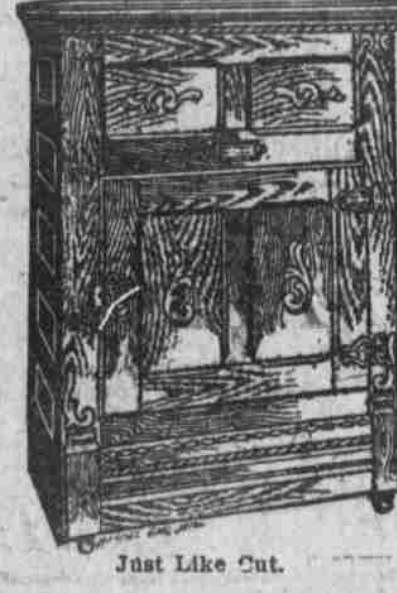


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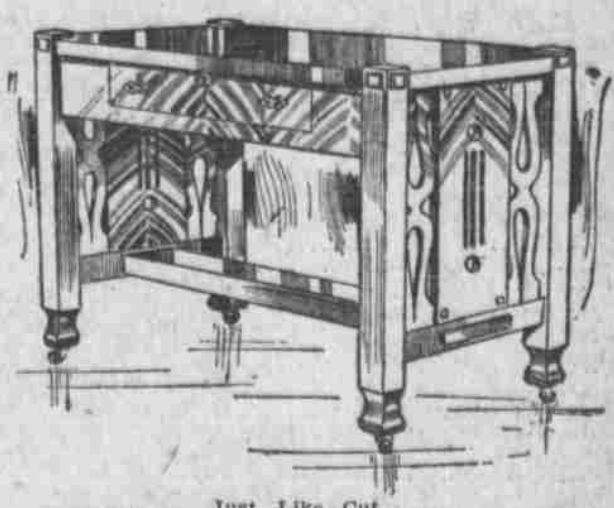
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had scarcely touched her foot to the floor for months, had to walk a mile before a place of safety was reached.

How the Fire Spread. The suddenness with which the flames spread over the city and jumped about from place to place, skipping some houses and then spreading back, was illustrated in countless ways. One man on Fourth street was doing a bit of painting about his house, having forgotten, perhaps, that it was Sunday, and to do the work had clad himself in a pair of old overalls, a dirty jumper and a cap. He saw the fire leaping up pretty big from his window and he went to the street to have a look at the prospect.

When he reached the sidewalk he saw a neighbor a short distance down the street trying to quench a fire that had caught on his piazza, and the painter ran down to help him. They worked several minutes, but could not save the house, and as it had become very hot by that time the painter hurried back to his house to get ready to move some things. When he got there flames had such a hold on his house that he couldn't get inside the door and he had to run, clad in his overalls and jumper, to save his life. One pair overalls, one jumper, one cap, one pair old shoes, and one suit underwear, are his assets today.

Another man left his house, which was then apparently safe, to go down to see the fire. He had on a smoking jacket and cap. He watched the fire increase for a while and finally came to the conclusion that it was bound to take in most of the city, and he hurried back to his home, only to find it in ruins. The blazing brands had jumped over his head and burned ahead of him. Many men who had left their homes in this way to go and watch the fire were later unable, when they started back to their homes, to get through the fire lines to help their families.

Children's All Afire. Another woman had a most trying experience. She was doing some work in her bedroom upstairs, and dressing, and didn't know how rapidly the fire was approaching her room. When she had finished she went down stairs and found six children that had been left there by a couple of neighbors. The neighbors had taken them in there for safe keeping while they fought the fire in their homes, and had finally been obliged to run, leaving the children there. The woman in whose house the children had been left had to make her way, unassisted, past the blazing houses with the six children, all at the while slapping at the flames that caught on her dress and the clothing of the children. The children were frightened, and she was nearly distracted, but she managed to get to a place of safety with no more injuries than scorched cheeks and singed hair.

People in their haste saved everything but what they really valued afterward they had saved. Some grabbed pictures from the walls, another grabbed a dish, another a book, and so on. Once in a while someone took the thing he or she really wanted to save. Marjorie Bakeman, daughter of Rev. F. W. Bakeman, when she came to leave her house, thought of her handbag more white dress, in which she was to appear at a concert soon. Thoughts of her inevitable disappointment on the night of the concert if she should

not have that white dress loomed in front of her, and she saved her dress, and nothing else.

A man on Chester avenue was far-sighted enough to pack three or four trunks, and in the face of the oncoming tide of fire, dragged them over into the Garden cemetery and stowed them in the lee of a tomb. After the fire had swept over the place he hadn't the slightest hope that his stuff was safe, but when he went to investigate, there were his trunks safe and practically untouched—in the lee of the tomb.

Cats and a Cow. As the fire was enveloping the buildings on Broadway, near Chelsea square, a policeman who was standing near by keeping the crowd back heard a heartrending yell issuing from a building that was about all gone except the walls and roof. The policeman started for the building wondering all the while how anyone could have lived so long in that building. Again the shriek came and just as the policeman was telling some one to hurry to the station for a life net he saw a cat, without a strand of hair, and with much less of a tail that he had dragged about previously, perched on a ledge from a third-story window of the blazing building to the street. The cat disappeared in the crowd, still shrieking in most human tones.

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The crowd for the most part was good-natured and began to chide the man about his cow. They pushed about him and asked him all sorts of vexing questions. The man took all this bantering seriously and finally understood that he had brought the cow out of h-l, but had got her into a worse place.

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He raised the car window, stuck his head out and asked of a man standing by the track: "What do you call this black, dirty, burned-up, barren, godforsaken place, anyway?" The man spoke to him a word or two, but he had lost his head, and everything else by the fire, and in forenoon home replied: "Well, that's good enough; let it go at that."—Boston Globe.

A STUDY OF THE OMAHAS

Alice Fletcher's Researches Among Nebraska's First Families.

HISTORY AND BELIEFS OF INDIANS

An Explanation of Endeavors Leading Up to the Dawes Bill of 1880—An Indian "Tom Brown of Rugby."

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and home individually. I sent a petition to Washington in 1881. Then I waited and the Indians waited, but no word came. Incredulous that such an appeal could pass unheeded, I started for Washington to see if the facts were correct and that the cry of the people for their homes would be heeded.

"It is a long story. But, after months of effort, speaking before the committee of congress, before leading people in the parlor of friends, before churches and where-else I could carry the matter, the homes of the Omahas, I secured the passage of a bill which became a law in August, 1882. Having secured their land, homes were needed. Hence the plan for small loans, which did good work in its time and place. Then came the matter of education. The homes secured, I then could pursue my researches with an undivided mind. Much of this was carried on incidentally, while I allotted the people under the provisions of the bill giving them their homes.

"The Omaha bill was the forerunner of the Dawes bill of 1887—known as the Dawes bill—which extended the provisions to other tribes, thus dividing the common tribal land into individual holdings, the United States holding the patent in trust for twenty-five years, free from any encumbrance. But all this is history.

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Indian Tonic. The holder of the Thaw fellowship of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard university, with which she has been connected since 1882, Miss Fletcher has already brought together, in a popular form, some of the results of her careful study of Indian music in a volume which under the title of "Indian Story and Song" was published two or three years ago, and which has already become a recognized classic in the literature of aboriginal music. The expressive Indian songs, one calling upon the dauntless club brandishing protagonist of the Omahas in their troubles with the Sioux, another displaying the anti-race sentiments of a philosopher who has noted the care with which a grown sparrow protects the progeny in the nest, a third consisting of the notes of a young lover watching his innamorata draw water from a spring, these and the rest, carefully harmonized for the piano, have become familiar to many American homes. The new volume, issued under governmental auspices, will give more broadly the facts and conclusions derived from the unusually intimate acquaintance with the Indian.

Not only has Miss Fletcher written extensively on American archaeological topics, but as president of the American Folk Lore society she has been in position to give encouragement to the publication of literature concerning the tribes of the middle and far west. She has lately taken special interest in the popular success of the fascinating story of a little group of five boys at the Omaha Mission school, the book called "The Middle Five," and proclaimed by another enthusiast as an American Indian "Tom Brown at Rugby." This book was written by Francis Le Placette,

an Omahian who had been her collaborator since 1883, while the cover and frontispiece were drawn by Appel de Cora, a Winnebago girl, who has since won her way as an illustrator.

First Families of Nebraska. "The habitat of the Omahas, in historical times, as is well known, covered the state of Nebraska, which was ceded to the United States government with the reservation of a certain tract for the use of the Omaha Indians, the members of the tribe were living near the Missouri river, in three villages. In those days, as Mr. La Flesche recalls, the Missouri was the only highway of commerce up and down which, laden with supplies for the mission, came the puffing little steamboats for the 'town of the red-hair,' as St. Louis was

called by the Indians in memory of the surnames of Governor Clark.

As showing the wealth of sentiment among the native people of this region, Miss Fletcher quotes Mr. La Flesche's recollection of the conditions in his boyhood: "The white people speak of the country at this period as a 'wilderness,' but though it was an empty tract without human interest or history. To us Indians it was as clearly defined as it is today, we knew the boundaries of tribal lands, those of our friends and those of our foes; we were familiar with every stream, the contour of every landscape, and each peculiar feature of the landscape had its tradition. It was our home, the scene of our history, and we loved it as our country."—Boston Transcript.

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