

FIFTY CHILDREN IN A BURNING BUILDING.

Pupils in a Dancing Class Flew Panic-Stricken Down the Stairs.

None Injured, but Some of the Girls Screamed When They Smelled the Smoke.

PROF. DUMAR'S PRESENCE OF MIND.

Blaze Caused by the Janitor Making a Bonfire of Old Theatrical Posters in the Furnace in the Basement.

More than fifty little boys and girls were dancing merrily in Professor Theodore Dumar's Academy at Fulton street and Nostrand avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon when an alarm of fire threw them into something like a panic. The little ones made for the door and rushed down the flight of stairs to Nostrand avenue.

The building is a big two-story structure facing upon Fulton street. The ground floor is unoccupied, and the second story, in which is a large hall, is used by Professor Dumar.

The children attend the afternoon lesson, which begins at 2 o'clock and closes at 4. Soon after the opening of the session, yesterday morning, the man in charge of the furnace and the bootblack, who cares for the store, started to burn a lot of theatrical posters which had accumulated in the cellar. The flames sprang up toward the ceiling and soon got beyond control of the two men. Some of the rafters began to burn.

Upstairs the dancing teacher's assistant was playing the piano and the boys and girls were circling about on the waxed floor. They had divested themselves of outer wrappings, and in their light frocks and dancing slippers were enjoying themselves thoroughly.

Professor Dumar was giving an order, when the bootblack ran up the stairs and called him aside. Dumar at once ordered the children to stop dancing and put on their street clothes. Then he told them there was a slight fire in the basement.

The little ones became excited, and some of the girls screamed. A rush was made for hats, cloaks and shoes, and then, with their garments over their arms, the children dashed down the stairway. The boys remained until the little girls were all out. Professor Dumar had been careful, and none of the little ones was crushed. As

they reached the foot of the stairs some of the girls smelled the smoke, which was filling up the hall, and screamed, but they were reassured by the police, who had just arrived.

An alarm was turned in, and the firemen succeeded in extinguishing the flames, which damaged the building to the extent of \$50. The owner is George Bomermann.

FOUR RUTHERFORD FIRES.

All Occurred Within Twenty-four Hours. A Half-Witted Boy Suspected of Incendiarism, but Cleared.

Rutherford, N. J., March 28.—Four fires within the last twenty-four hours is the record established by this town. The residence of Thomas Macdonough, at Rutherford and Government avenues, was totally destroyed, as was the house of Marcus Charles R. Soley, responded promptly and soon had three streams pouring upon the blaze. The pressure was poor, however, and it was two hours before the flames were gotten under control. Mr. and Mrs. Budd had gone to New York to attend the theatre and did not reach home until 12:30. While the first fire was still in progress a second alarm was sounded. This was in the Macdonough residence, near Lyndhurst, N. J., where the fire company was dispatched to this point. The nearest hydrant was 1,000 feet away, and all efforts to save the place were futile. The May residence, adjoining, was also destroyed. The household effects were saved.

All three buildings were three-story frame structures. Mr. Budd recently insured his furniture for \$3,000. Messrs. Macdonough and May also carried insurance.

For a time great excitement prevailed over the rumor that the fires were due to incendiarism. Charles Farr, sixteen years old, a half-witted boy, was placed under arrest by Morris Muller. He is a harmless lad, however, and was released at 12 o'clock last night. Nothing could be found against him.

Chief Soley has been investigating matters today, and finds that the first fire originated in the basement from the defective due to a Baltimore heater. The blaze in the Macdonough residence was caused by an explosion of a lamp.

During the progress of last night's fires Chief Soley stepped upon a rusty nail, which punctured his foot and made a very painful wound. The firemen were called out at 1:30 this afternoon. Flames were seen issuing from an upper window in a vacant house on the Meadow road. The blaze was extinguished with a couple of pails of water.

Scalded in a Paper Mill. The sudden bursting of a steam pipe in the Jersey City Paper Mill, yesterday morning, caused a panic among the employes. Only one, however—Daniel Coughlin, twenty-eight years old, of No. 407 Fawcett avenue, Jersey City—was seriously scalded. He had to be removed to St. Francis's Hospital, where his condition is pronounced critical.

WOMEN DELEGATES OPPOSED.

Newark Methodist Conference Vote Against the Proposition 27 to 3.

Newark, N. J., March 28.—That the Newark Methodist Episcopal Conference, which comprises all of Northern New Jersey, Staten Island, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pa., and portions of Orange and Rockland Counties, N. Y., is not in favor of sending women delegates to the general conference, is evident from the manner in which the question was handled when it came up at the session of the conference in St. Paul's Church today. There were 151 delegates present, but only 30 of the number voted, 27 against and three for.

The Gray Ulster in Newark.

Newark, N. J., March 28.—Policeman Jeremiah, while patrolling his post on South Orange avenue, was startled by hearing the cry of "Murder!" in a feminine voice. Running to the corner of Sixth street he met two badly frightened women, and when he questioned them they could not speak. They boarded a car without giving any explanation. Later the officer learned from two citizens that the women had been stopped by a man wearing a gray ulster, who insisted and tried to seize them.

Suburban Not Swallowed Up.

Orange, N. J., March 28.—A report was circulated today to the effect that the Suburban Traction Company, of Orange, had been swallowed up by the North Jersey concern. Superintendent Tidman, of the company, said tonight that there was no truth in the rumor, the company being still in the hands of Watson Whiteley.

KING M'DONOUGH DETHRONED.

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Ladies' Real Kid Gloves, embroidered back.....	.98	38-in. All-Wool Novelty Suiting.....	.25
Ladies' Kid Gloves, 4-button.....	.69	38-in. Cheviot and 1 Persian Suiting.....	.39
Ladies' Silk Gloves, Tan, Brown, Gray and Black.....	.39	45-in. All-Wool Henrietta, black and colored.....	.59
Ladies' Taffeta Gloves, Tan, Brown and Gray.....	.39	36-in. striped and checked Cheviot Suiting.....	.18
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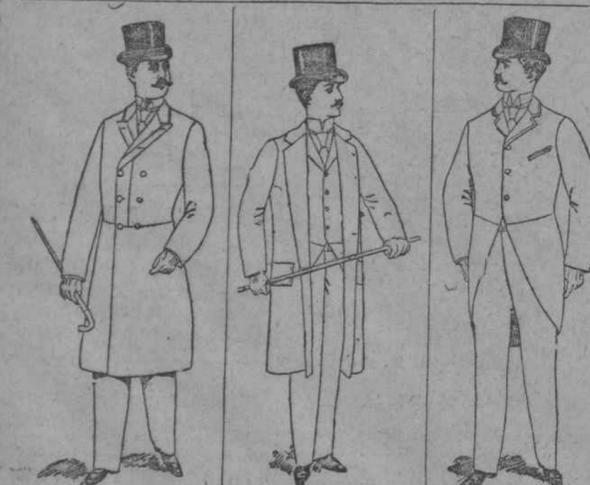
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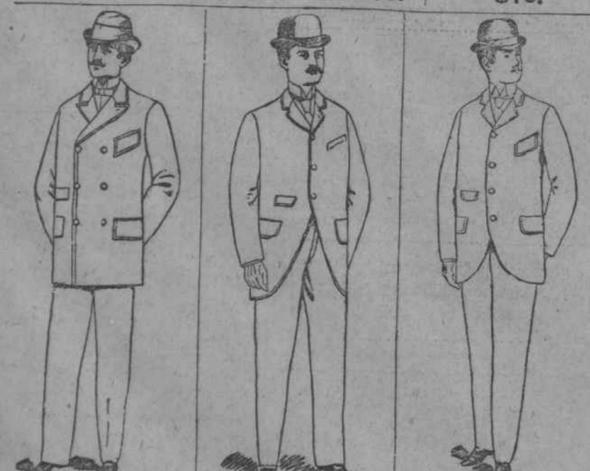
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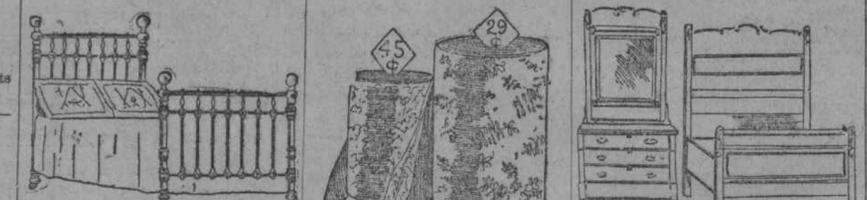
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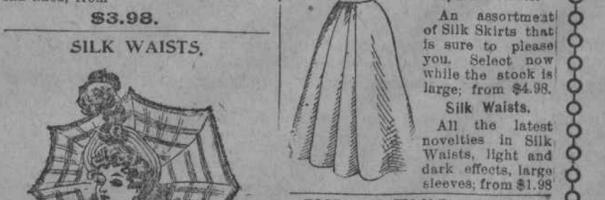
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