

A NIGHT ALARM.

Disastrous Fire Spreading From a Stable in Camden.

A fire that originated in the two-story frame stable, at Sixth and Mill streets, in Camden, last night, spread to the factory of Philadelphia and Camden Soap Works, and finally to a number of dwelling houses, resulting in a loss of about \$10,000.

Shortly after 11 o'clock a lady residing in the rear of the structure heard the horses making an unusual noise, and on going to the door saw flames coming from the roof. She immediately summoned help and an alarm was struck.

Before the fire department arrived on the scene willing hands secured axes and broke open the doors leading to the different stalls with the intention of liberating the horses. This was found to be difficult work, as the animals were so frightened by the flames that they reared and had become almost unmanageable. Finally, however, the halters holding the twenty two horses were cut and they were led to a place of safety.

When the firemen arrived the building was a mass of flames and their energies were directed towards saving the property in the neighborhood. Notwithstanding their efforts to prevent the spread of the flames three houses on the north side of the stable were badly scorched by the fire and damaged by water. While the conflagration was at its height several of the rafters fell in the centre of the stable and Fireman Levatt, of the truck company, who was in charge of one of the lines of hose, was slightly injured by the timbers.

The fire at this time spread to the adjoining soap works, Nos. 511 and 513 Main street, damaging the place to the extent of \$1500. After the flames had died out somewhat in the stable it was found that eight horses had been lost.

The front portions of the dwellings on Branch street, Nos. 529, 531, 533 and 535, caught on fire and were damaged to a considerable extent. It caused great excitement in the vicinity, women and children running from the houses in their night clothes. The house No. 533, occupied by Mrs. Vaureman, was damaged to the extent of \$500.

About an hour after the alarm was struck the fire was under control, and nothing was left of the stable except a mass of smouldering wood. Mr. Baird recently made several important additions to the structure, and Tuesday a ton of hay was stored away in the upper portion. The fire is supposed to have originated in the loft, and it is believed it was caused by rats and matches.

Two Fires in This City.

About 10.30 o'clock last night fire broke out on the fourth floor of the five cent. variety store of Bailey & Co, Nos. 13 and 15 North Eighth street, but it was discovered in time to save the place. One stream was turned on for a few minutes, which entirely extinguished the flames, but considerable damage was done by the water. The total loss to stock and fixtures from fire, water and smoke combined is estimated at not over \$500. The damage is fully covered by insurance.

The shoddy mill of William Thornton, on Cresson street, above Girard avenue, was slightly damaged yesterday afternoon by a fire which originated in the picker room. The loss is covered by insurance.