



Fire at French Horn

Dinton

On Saturday the 6th instant, at about eight o'clock in the evening, a fire broke out at the French Horn public house, near Dinton, belonging to Mr Wm. Target; the flames in a short time spread over the whole house, which, in about two hours, became a heap of burning ruins. The wind blew strong from the south; but had it set in the east, the whole of the stables and outhouses, together with the farm-house and other buildings belonging to J.H. Penruddocke, Esq. must have been totally consumed. The inhabitants of Dinton and the adjoining parishes (to whom great praise is due), rushed to the spot with the greatest alacrity on the alarm being given, and by their indefatigable exertions cut off the communication between the house and the cellar, and thereby saved the greatest part of the valuable stock of beer and spirits, as well as a considerable part of the household furniture; but the wine was entirely destroyed. A patrol was formed during the night, to protect the property that had been saved from the fire, from those depredations so often committed on similar occasions. We are happy to hear that Mr Targett was insured.

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