



## A BLAZING STREET

### Great Fire at Home of the “Village Blacksmith”

A disastrous fire broke out yesterday afternoon at Durrington, a village near Bulford Camp, on Salisbury Plain. Some rubbish was being burnt on the Government estate near by, and it is supposed that the wind carried a spark to the thatched roof of a cottage in the old portion of the village. This cottage quickly caught fire, and five or six adjacent dwellings became involved.

The fire brigades from Andover, Bulford and Salisbury were summoned and were soon on the spot. Meanwhile, soldiers from Bulford Camp, police from Amesbury and many residents helped to fight the flames. The tenants of the cottages escaped without personal injury, but their furniture was destroyed and their dwellings completely gutted. The fire was still raging yesterday evening, but it was hoped to confine it to the street in which it broke out.

Durrington is the village immortalised by Longfellow in his poem, “The Village Blacksmith”

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