



A thatched cottage on fire

Cottage Fire

On Tuesday evening a fire broke out in a thatched cottage occupied by Mrs. Ellen Shergold. Before the fire engine arrived some willing helpers got out a little of the furniture, but the flames spread so rapidly that it soon became unsafe to enter the burning building. The Wishford fire engine was quickly on the spot, but it was quite apparent that nothing would avail, and the fire simply burnt itself out. Great sympathy is felt for the poor woman, who has practically lost all her belongings. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it may have been caused by a spark from a passing engine. The cottage was an isolated one, and the wind, which was very high, was blowing away from the other thatched houses or there might have been a very much worse conflagration to chronicle.

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