



Cottages Fire

About eight o'clock on Saturday morning, a number of children lit a fire in the wood-house of Mr. Thatcher, by way of amusing themselves. The fire spread rapidly, seizing firm hold of the wood-house, and in a short time two thatched roof cottages which immediately adjoined were ignited by the flames. The malt-house of Mr. Saunders, which was contiguous to the cottages, was thus placed in imminent danger, for the fire burned with great vigour until the cottages were completely consumed.

In consequence of the exertions of the fire brigade and a number of people who lent willing assistance in working the engine, the fire was arrested before serious damage was done to the malt-house, and there is no doubt that much of this success was due to the skill and spirit displayed by Mr. George Goulden, who directed the operations of the men and worked the hose himself with considerable judgement.

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