



Land & Buildings Dilton Marsh

Alarming Fire

On Wednesday April 23rd a cottage known as "The Firs" belonging to Mr. C. N. P. PIPPS, M.P. and occupied by a widow named Gunstone, was discovered to be on fire. The house was thatched and stood in the centre of the village, but detached from the other cottages. An alarm was raised and the first to arrive was John Wheeler, whose praiseworthy efforts to check the flames were unavailing, but with the assistance of a number of other persons, who were quickly on the scene the fire was got under before the arrival of the engine from Westbury. The widow's furniture it was stated was saved, but the roof of the building was entirely destroyed and the interior damaged by water. Mrs. Gunstone was not insured. The origin of the fire is, we understand unknown.

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