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Take Me Home.

The other day a prominent citizen of Detroit, who had been greatly interested in the subject of fire-escapes, was inspecting a building on East Woodbridge street which had just been equipped with balconies and ladders, and he summed up his opinion with:

"Well, sir, there's no earthly need of an accident here in case of fire. All any one has to do is to coolly step down from a window to one of the balconies and decend in perfect safety."

At 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon this same citizen was in the same building when some rags took fire on the fourth floor, a smudge arose, and an alarm was sounded for the engines. "Fire! fire!" was echoed thro' the building, and the employes ran for the stairs like frightened sheep.

The eminent citizen lost his legs as soon as he heard the cry—ran twice around the room without seeing the open door, and finally brought up at a window. The sash was hung on weights, and yet he pushed, pulled and tugged, and finally lowered the top sash and climbed over. As he descended to the second balcony he left one coat-tail on a nail, broke his watch chain, and took a tumble which landed him on his back, and he was there, yelling "fire!" when the engines came up. He had to be helped through a window and down stairs, and when a heartless wretch asked him how long he had practiced the "escaping" business, he replied:

"None o' your business, sir! Driver, take me home."

The Open Fire.

Poets have sung its praises and writers who have lacked a good deal of being poets have prosed about its charms. Everybody says it is an inspiration and a delight and nearly everybody has banished it. Except in the houses of the very wealthy or the very old-fashioned the glowing back-log or the ruddy gleam of the kindling anthracite in the open grate is nothing but a memory of the past. People still talk and read about fireside joys, but it requires an awful strain on the average imagination to contemplate fireside joys with the fireside left out. More heat can be introduced through prosaic holes in the wall or floor, of course, but the brightness and cheerfulness which should be the invariable accessories of the home in winter can't be introduced that way.

Isn't it possible to restore the open fire to the homes of the great mass of our people? There are two practical objections urged against its use—one on the score of cleanliness and the other on that of economy. The very immaculate housewife objects to the dust and ashes which are a necessary adjunct of the open fire, and the very economical head of the family says there is too much heat wasted up the chimney. The first of these objections is too trifling to be considered seriously. Dust and ashes are annoying, but a bright, cheerful living room much more than compensates for this slight annoyance. As to the objection on the score of economy, it is true that a good deal of heat escapes up the chimney, but along with it goes the foul air, disagreeable odors ane pestilential vapors which make so many of our modern houses the breeding places and nurseries of disease. Coal would cost less than doctors' and druggists' bills in the end.

The sitting or living room of almost every house could be heated with an open fire at a slight increase in expense over the ordinary method of warming. The additional charm and attractiveness of the room would more than compensate for the extra expense and even if, in some instances, it were found necessary to retrench in some other items of the family expenses in order to afford this luxury, it would be found to be a profitable change. Grates could be introduced in most existing sitting rooms without great expense and if owners and builders of houses found there was a general public demand for such things they would be introduced in all buildings newly erected. The cheerful fireside should become a glowing fact once more, instead of the fading memory it is at present.

TOO MUCH COMPETITION.—"You have always had the reputation of being an honest man—how, then, is it that you have been guilty of theft?" asked an Austin Judge of a man who had been arrested with stolen property in his possession.

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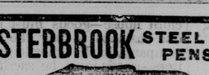

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