

STUBBORN FIRE CAUSE BIG DAMAGE TO H. GOULD HOME

**Firemen Fight Flames in Attic
Partitions For Three
Hours**

STARTED ON PORCH

**Newly Painted Weather-proof
Curtain Blamed
for Start**

Fire blamed either on spontaneous combustion or on friction caused a blaze that did nearly \$10,000 damage to the Harold Hould home and contents Tuesday evening.

The fire was discovered shortly after 8 o'clock by someone happening along North Long Common road who saw flames on the sleeping porch. A weather-proofed curtain recently coated with a new paint is thought to have been the cause of the fire.

When the fire department arrived the flames had spread to other articles on the sleeping porch and had burned their way up through the eaves of the roof and into the open spaces above the rooms on the attic floor. The attic is partitioned off into a number of rooms that have been plastered. The flames got between the ceilings of these rooms and the roof and caused the firemen considerable trouble. Several times the firemen thought that they had the fire completely out when flames were seen to eat their way out through some other section of the roof.

Used Much Water

The fire department fought the flames for three hours and thousand of gallons of water were required. Much of this water got down between the walls and caused damage to the walls and floors of the rooms in the lower part of the house. Much of the furniture was removed from the home and was saved from damage.

Estimate of the damage done was placed at between \$8,000 and \$10,000 by Fred C. Crowe, assistant fire marshal, who said that the replacement value may well exceed that figure as it is difficult to tell how badly the plaster, the floors and the decorations in the home have been damaged.

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