

Exiting Fire in Sheffield Three People Rescued Jump from the Windows

There were some exiting scenes in Jessop Street, Sheffield, early this morning, in the course of which the life saving apparatus of the Sheffield Fire Brigade was brought into use. Between three and four o'clock Police-constable (105) Taylor noticed smoke issuing from the ground floor of No. 8, Jessop Street, a house occupied by Thomas Cope. In the house were the occupant and his wife, Mary Cope, and two lodgers named Thomas Sanderson and William Read. Immediately on noticing the outbreak Police-constable Taylor despatched a postman named Amos Crook for the Fire Brigade, who turned out under Supt. Frost, with a tender and escape. Before the arrival of the Brigade, however, Mrs. Cope had been awakened, and becoming alarmed by the presence of smoke in her bedroom, she jumped into a sheet held by neighbours.

Immediately after Supt. Frost and his men arrived, the escape was placed against the building, and firemen entered each of the rooms. In one at the rear Read and Sanderson were found almost stifled, holding their heads out of the window. Supt. Frost ordered the jumping sheets to be manned, and the Brigade quickly responded the two men were thus enabled to escape. They were, however, almost prostrated by the effects of the smoke and, together with Mrs. Cope; they were removed to the Royal Hospital in the ambulance which had followed the Brigade from the station. The two men were soon sufficiently recovered to be allowed home, but Mrs. Cope was detained in the institution suffering from bruises and severe shock to the system.

The fire was quickly extinguished by the Brigade. It was found to have originated in the living room, where a dresser and one corner of the room were burnt away. The promptitude with which the brigade was summoned by Crook no doubt prevented loss of life. The means of escape were being cut off and matters were growing serious, when Sanderson and Read were rescued. The cause of the fire is somewhat a mystery, the only explanation forthcoming being that a spark falling from the chimney might have dropped on to the dresser, and thus ignited it.