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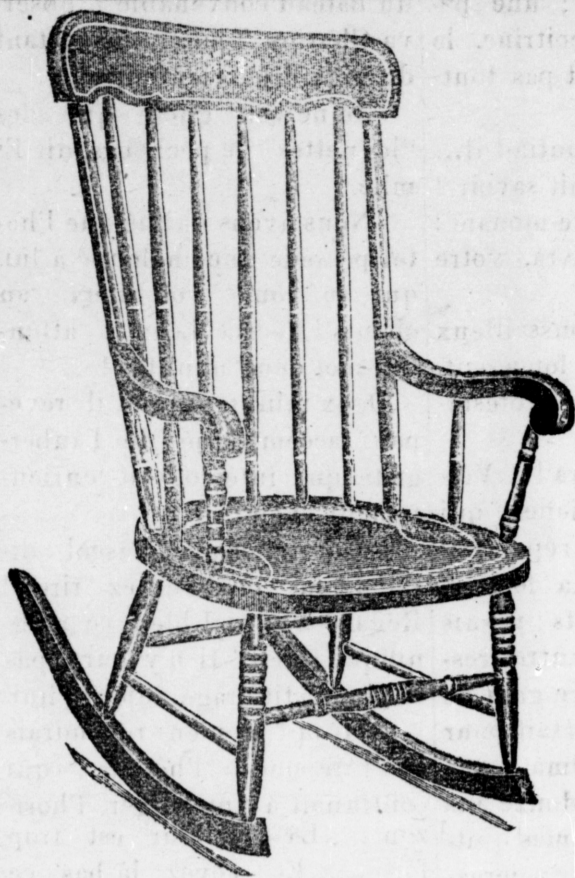
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INCENDIE D'UN COUVENT

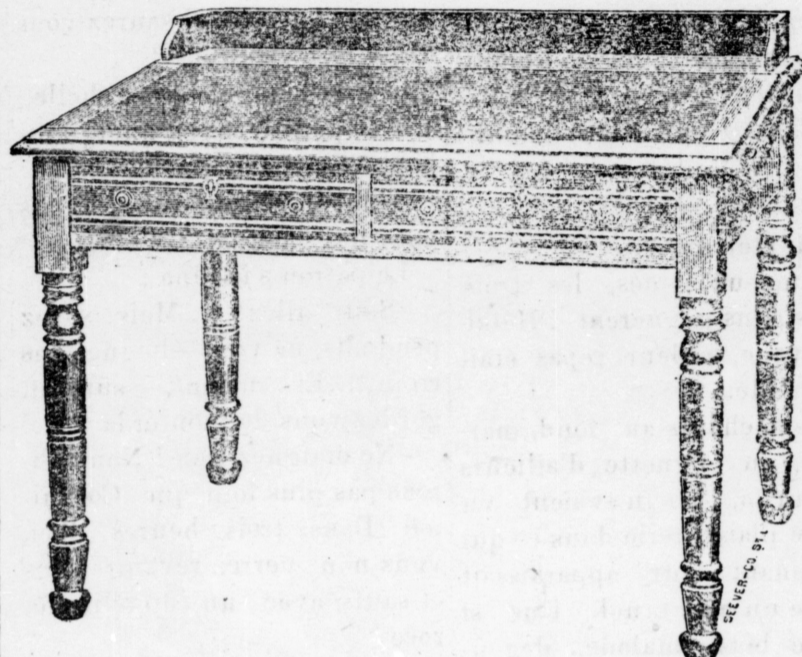
Saint-Ours, 27.—Dimanche matin, vers une heure, le tocsin répercutait l'alarme dans notre village et invitait les citoyens à se rendre à la hâte au couvent où le feu venait de se déclarer. L'incendie semble avoir pris naissance dans une des dépendances de la maison dans le poulailler probablement, et parait être le fait de quelques malfaiteurs. En quelques minutes, grâce au vent qu'il faisait, tout fut en flammes; la chapelle fut la première atteinte, et on n'eut guère que le temps d'en sauver quelques ornements. Dès le commencement de l'incendie, on a téléphoné à Sorrel pour demander le secours des pompiers, mais lorsque la brigade arriva vers quatre heures, le couvent n'était plus qu'un monceau de ruines et de débris informes. Les citoyens de St Ours et de St Roch méritent des félicitations pour leur zèle et l'empressemment qu'ils ont mis à organiser un service de secours. M. le curé de la paroisse, le révérend O. Desorey, a également payé de sa personne avec courage admirable. Par malheur, tous ces efforts généreux ne purent empêcher l'incendie de détruire les édifices et ne purent que sauver la plus grande partie possible du matériel du couvent. Les dames directrices de l'Institution, les Révérendes Sœurs de la Présentation de Marie, évaluent les dommages à \$20,000 et n'ont aucune assurance. Elles comptent cependant pour obtenir les locaux suffisants pour recevoir leurs élèves à la rentrée des classes sans trop d'inconvénients.

DEGATS CAUSES PAR LA Foudre AUX ETATS-UNIS

Aux Etats-Unis, les orages électriques sont à l'ordre du jour. La foudre est tombée sur plusieurs points à New-York, samedi. A l'angle de Nassau et de Wall streets elle a brisé le mat de pavillon surmontant l'édifice de la Manhattan Trust Company et a projeté les gragments sur le toit de la sous-trésorerie et dans la rue. La foudre a frappé aussi la tour qu'on achève de construire au dessus du bâtiment de la New-York Life Insurance Company et a mis le feu à l'échafaudage placé au sommet de cette tour; mais la pluie a suffi pour éteindre ce commencement d'incendie. Dans Greene street, la foudre est tombée sur la maison portant le No 10 et suivant des fils télégraphiques qui partent du toit elle est allée mettre le feu dans les bureaux d'un marchand de nouveautés. On a dû faire venir les pompiers qui ont eu promptement raison des flammes. Le mat de pavillon s'élevant sur la fabrique de pianos Behr, 29e rue et 11e avenue a été mis en pièces par la foudre. De là, le fluide électrique s'est abattu dans la rue et a suivi les rails du tramway, jusqu'à ce qu'il rencontrât un tramway, qui a été littéralement enlevé de la voie par la force du choc. Le cocher a été lancé la tête la première dans le ruisseau pendant que les chevaux, détachés du tramway, galopèrent affolés vers la rivière. Trois femmes qui se trouvaient dans la voiture en ont été quittes pour une violente secousse. Dans la 29e rue Ouest, la foudre a mis le feu aux rideaux d'une fenêtre de l'appartement occupé par les époux Murray et avant qu'on ait pu éteindre les flammes, il s'est détruit une partie du mobilier et des vêtements. Les torrents d'eau qui descendaient du ciel ont vite rempli les égouts; celui de la 19e avenue a crevé en quatre endroits différents et bientôt les rues environnantes et les cages du voisinage ont été inondées; la 29e rue était couverte de deux pieds d'eau et la circulation a été interrompue. Au parc Central, deux ou trois cents personnes surprises par l'orage à la ménagerie, se sont réfugiées sous le passage voûté de la 65e rue; mais l'eau y est arrivée à flots, et bientôt femmes et enfants avaient de l'eau jusqu'à la ceinture. Deux policemen ont opéré le sauvetage de tout le monde à l'aide des ânes qui servent d'ordinaire à promener les enfants. Pendant l'orage qui a été particulièrement violent dans New-Jersey la foudre est tombée sur les bureaux de la Postal Telegraph Company à Jersey City et y a mis le feu. Nombre d'appareils télégraphiques ont été détruits et la plupart des fils reliant le Sud à New-York ont fondu. Les dégâts sont évalués à plusieurs milliers de dollars. A Wilkesbarre (Pennsylvanie), il a fait également l'orage; la foudre est tombée sur la poudrière de la Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company et il s'est produit une explosion formidable qui a démolie une douzaine de maisons et de constructions légères et brisé toutes les vitres dans un rayon d'un demi-mille. La foudre a fait sauter aussi la poudrière Leising, située dans les montagnes à une faible distance de Milnesville (Pennsylvanie). La force de l'explosion a été telle que des quartiers de roches, détachés de la montagne ont



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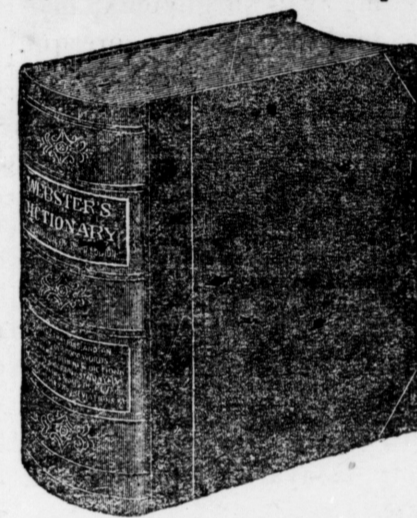
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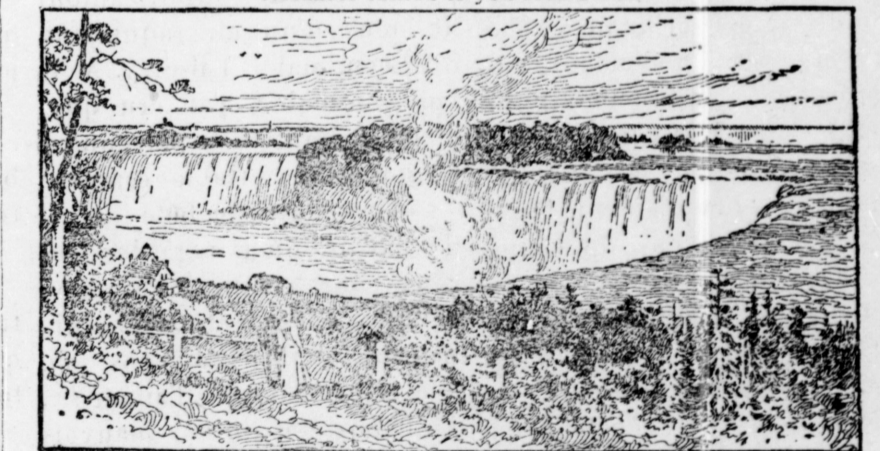
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