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How a Boy Saved Three Lives.

IN January, 1882, a fire broke out in a large building in New York. Many lives were lost—but three lives were saved,—saved by the quick wit and prompt courage of a boy named Charley Wright, a boot-black. When the flames were raging, three men were observed high up at a corner window in the upper story. What could be done? The longest ladder would scarce reach half the distance.

In the great crowd was the boy just named. To this lad came a bright idea.

Looking up, Charley Wright saw something that set him thinking. He saw that, fastened to the roof of the building, just above the window where these men were, was a rope of wires. He saw that this rope ran across the street to the top of a telegraph pole on the other side. And he knew that if this rope could be cut at the top of the pole, it would fall right across the window, so that the three men could reach it.

This was the bright idea that came into Charley's mind. No time was to be lost. In an instant he seized a fireman's wrench that lay on the stones near

by, rushed across the street, and began to climb the tall, smooth telegraph pole. To do this was no easy task in the wind and snow, but by hard, fast, desperate climbing, Charley soon reached the cross-bars. And hard and fast he worked when he got there. In a moment he had twisted the wire rope off. Down it fell, right across the window!

A great shout of joy went up from the crowd, as, one after another, the three men came down this strange fire-escape safe to the ground.

To this brave lad the American Humane Society voted a medal. Even across the sea, people heard of him and praised him. From England came a gold medal, sent by the Royal Humane Society, on which were stamped the words: "Pre-

resented to Charles Wright, for saving three lives, Jan. 31, 1882."

So you see, dear children, that what all the firemen

