

Never close up your place of business in the evening without looking well to the extinguishment of lights, and the proper security of fires.

When retiring to rest at night, always see that your lights are safe.

Kindling wood in cellars should never be put near a window.

Hang sheeting over shelves of goods every night to preserve them from dust, smoke, and the water used in case of fire.

#### HOW TO ESCAPE FROM FIRE.

Be careful to acquaint yourself with the means of exit from the house, both at the bottom and top. Should a fire break out, send immediately to the nearest telegraph box or engine house.

Avoid all confusion. No person should be admitted into your house, except a fireman, a policeman, friend or neighbor.

If a lady's dress takes fire, she should roll herself in a rug, a piece of carpet, or the first woollen garment she can get hold of.

Shut the doors and windows in the room where the fire has broken out, as a current of air increases the force of the flames.

Should the bed or window curtains be on fire, lay hold of any woollen garment and keep it on the flames till extinguished.

If the staircase be burning, so as to cut off all communication, endeavor to escape from the window; if no assistance is at hand, and you are in an extremity, tie the sheets together, and having fastened one end to some heavy piece of furniture, let down the women and children, one by one, by tying the line of sheets around the waist; you can easily let yourself down when the helpless are saved.

If you can neither make your way upwards nor downwards, get into a front room; if there is a family, see that they are all collected here, and keep the door closed as much as possible, for, remember, that smoke always follows a draught, and fire always rushes after a smoke.

There is always from eight to ten inches of pure air close to the ground; if you cannot, therefore, walk upright through the smoke, drop on your hands and knees, and thus progress; a wet handkerchief, or a piece of flannel, or a worsted stocking drawn on the face, permits breathing, and to a great extent, excludes the smoke.