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### Automatic Fire Protectors.

IF it were not for the costly consequences, one might be inclined to laugh at the heat of the sun, reflected through a glass skylight on to automatic fire protectors, causing the protectors to blow out, and the consequent flooding of the building. But this recently happened, and caused "damage by water" to the extent of thousands of dollars. In future these automatic systems should be themselves protected by a liberal supply of ice piled up round them in hot weather!

### American Bricks for South Africa.

A SHIPMENT of 200,000 bricks was recently made to South Africa by the Union Brick Works, of Tacoma, W. T. The purchasers were the Lingham Timber and Trading Co., of Delogoa Bay. The price obtained is said to exceed by three or four times the cost of production, hence a handsome profit will be realized. As this is believed to be the beginning of an extensive and profitable foreign trade, the attention of Canadian brick manufacturers, especially those of British Columbia, is directed to the subject. Shipments of Canadian dry pressed bricks have been made to South Africa, but we have not heard that any ordinary stock brick have as yet found their way to that country.

### The Proposed Central Park in Toronto.

THE suggestion of a central park for the city of Toronto appears to be received very favorably. The next thing, of course, is the provision of funds—provided the owners of property decided for the purpose can be induced to part with their lots for reasonable sums. It is certainly a very good idea for the improvement of the city, and will add greatly to the appearance and dignity of the new Court House to have an ornamental piece of ground near it. The clearing away of so many of the old houses, sheds, shops, yards and lanes will be a matter of congratulation if it can be brought about, and the improvement thus effected should enhance the value of adjacent property. There can be no doubt that Toronto is a beautiful city. The residential parts compare favorably with the much-praised cities of other countries, although much that is an eyesore, much that is bad from a sanitary point of view, and much that is dangerous and inviting to the fire fiend still remain, and the sooner these can be cleared away the better. A central park would pretty near complete Toronto, which is so favored by its natural surroundings. The woods and ravines of Rosedale are no mean adjuncts to the city parks, and approach has been made easy to a part at