

Fire Prevention Hints For the Household

By Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells.

Do not leave a fire burning in the house without closing all drafts and being sure it is under proper control.

Do not leave children alone in the house where matches or coals of fire may be obtained, or where coal oil lamps or open flame lights are burning.

Inspect your premises regularly on what is called the "self-inspection" system.

Inspect basement furnace regularly to see that pipes are free from rust holes, fluff and spider webs.

Inspect the attic occasionally to guard against disjuncting of stove pipes and the accumulation of dust, fluff and spider webs.

Do not allow paint-covered or greasy or oily clothing or rags to lay about the closets or the house.

Do not allow an open flame for lighting in the basement which may set fire to combustible material or may ignite escaping gases.

Keep your cellars, closets and attic free from rubbish. A majority of all fires originate from the rubbish heap and rubbish in the cellar is neither sanitary nor safe.

Not only is cleanliness next to godliness, but the penalty of uncleanness is fire—both here and hereafter.

Provide a metal receptacle for the ashes. Do not dump them in the back yard, against the board fence, side of the building, or in or near rubbish where a single spark or live coal may find lodgment and fuel for consumption.

Do not permit gasoline, naphtha, benzine, coal oil, or other explosives or inflammables to be kept in the house and have all vessels containing such materials, if they are indispensable, in metal containers, properly labeled and out of reach of danger from exposure to spark or flame.

Remember that "young America" especially of the male species, is of a highly developed experimental and investigative mind and take care not to leave anything lying about of an explosive or combustible character to arouse his curiosity and temptation.

The element of "taking a chance," seems to be inherent in the human race. When a woman cleans clothing with gasoline, naphtha, benzine or other explosive, and the man starts the morning fire with kerosene, both are aware of the danger but believe they are more careful than the victim of an explosion. That is exactly what the other thought when he took



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a chance—once too often. Never stuff up flue holes with rags or paper, nor cover them with cheesecloth, or anything but a metal stop. Chimneys should be cleaned frequently.

Beware of overheating stoves, boilers, furnaces or pipes.

Never take an incandescent light to bed with you as a "foot warmer" or to "take the cold out of the sheets." Serious injuries to persons and fire losses have been the result of this foolish habit.

The electric iron should be provided with an asbestos insulated cord and the ironing table with an asbestos pad to avoid fire as a result of forgetfulness.

For sign painting see Edwards.—Adv.

MILLS ADOPT FIRE ALARM

Signals Chosen to Tell of Fires at Plants.

Both the Brooks-Sennon and the Shevlin-Hixon mills have chosen a set of fire alarms for use in signaling fires at the plants. At the Brooks plant the first and second alarms will be given by whistle on the saw floor. The third alarm, indicating a desire of help from the town will be given by three long blasts of the mill whistle. For a fire on private property in the vicinity of the mill the whistle will give a number of short blasts.

At the Shevlin plant a more elaborate system has been worked out

to indicate the location of fires, the signals all being given on the mill whistle and being as follows:

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