

# BURNING OF THE LION BREWERY.

**Forty Thousand Dollars' Worth of Grain Destroyed—Total Loss \$278,000—Total Insurance \$135,000.**

The burning of the Lion Lager Bier Brewery on Sunday night proves to have involved a much more serious destruction of property than was at first supposed. The brewery buildings were near the Bloomingdale Road, between One Hundred and Seventh and One Hundred and Ninth streets, where they were erected about two years ago by Messrs. ALBERT SPEYERS & Co. The establishment was the largest of the kind in the United States. The main building is 100 feet by 50 feet, five stories high, with a vault beneath thirty-six feet deep. There were two smaller buildings adjoining, which were used as a malt-house, for storing grain and for other purposes, and a large shed 250 feet in length for storing barrels. At a short distance from the shed there was a small dwelling house and a large stable. The quantity of bier manufactured daily was three hundred full barrels ; and with the aid of additional machinery, which had recently been put in, it was expected the average quantity manufactured would be 500 barrels per day. A portion of the brewery building was occupied by a brother of Mr. SPEYERS and his family, and it was by him that the fire was discovered. He had retired at about 9 o'clock, and soon afterward was aroused by a crackling noise, when he found that his room was filled with smoke. His first thought was to awaken his family. He ran immediately to his servant's room, but she was not in. He then passed to the door of the room occupied by his housekeeper, and rapped loudly, but received no answer. He tried the door, and called the housekeeper by name, but, receiving no answer, burst the door open, and after some time succeeded in partially awakening her. She was stupefied by the heat and smoke, and would, he says, have gone immediately into the fire had she not been carried away. Going out of the room, he saw that the entire building was in flames, and gave the alarm as quickly as possible. The fire-bells were soon sounding, and the people in the neighborhood gathered, in large numbers. Although there was a hydrant and tank on the premises, they could not be used effectively. The fire companies in the District were also soon there, but it was even then apparent that the main building and the shed and buildings attached could not be saved from entire destruction. By a well-directed effort, however, the firemen succeeded in keeping the flames from the small dwelling-house and stable, which, as has been stated, were some little distance from the shed. Although none of the horses belonging to the establishment were burned, the loss is very serious. There was \$40,000 worth of barley in the buildings, which was burning all day yesterday, and which is, of course, entirely destroyed.

This grain was sent in by HILLET & Co., of No. 303 Pearl-street ; they are insured for \$25,000 in the following companies ;

American Exchange..	5,000	Goodhue.....	5,000
Fulton.....	5,000	New World.....	2,500
Montauk.....	5,000	Exchange.....	2,500

The walls of the main building were 2½ feet thick at the base, and portions of them are still standing. Nothing, however, remains so that it can be of use in rebuilding as it stands. The entire loss of property is estimated at \$278,000, on which there is an Insurance as follows in the Insurance offices named :

Metropolitan.....	\$5,500	Security.....	5,500
Merchants.....	5,500	Washington.....	5,500
United States.....	5,500	Manhattan.....	5,500
Niagara.....	5,500	Knickerbocker.....	\$5,500
Citizens.....	5,500	New-York Fire and	
Clinton.....	5,500	Marine.....	5,500
Royal.....	5,500	Jersey City.....	5,500
Relief.....	5,500	East River.....	5,500
Market.....	5,500	Fireman's Fund.....	5,500
Jefferson.....	5,500	Columbia.....	5,500
Astor.....	5,500		
Total loss.....			\$278,000
Total insurance.....			135,000

The brother of Mr. ALBERT SPEYERS, who was in the building, and who discovered the fire, lost all his furniture, some money, and his watch and jewelry. Another loss is that to a large number of workmen who have been thrown out of employment for the present by the fire. Mr. SPEYERS says the company will commence building another brewery as soon as possible. The company is composed of several persons. The principals are Messrs. ALBERT and JAMES SPEYERS and Capt. HOWARD, who is in England.

The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary, and the Fire Marshal, Mr. BAKER, is investigating the matter.