

TERRIBLE FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

An appalling and destructive fire occurred on the 24th of December, which threatened for a time to reduce the famous city of San Francisco to a heap of smoking ruins. The fire broke out in Dennison's Exchange, and in two hours, nearly a million of dollars worth of property was destroyed. The Parker House was among the buildings burned. All the buildings, except the Delmonico Hotel, on Portsmouth square, and all on Washington street, commencing at the "Eldorado," and running to Montgomery street, were burned.

The Parker House, U. S. Restaurant, Exchange, Eldorado, Merchant's Exchange, Our House, Central House, Washington Arcade, Pollard & Co's. Auction Room, Guerschard & Van Buren's Establishment, and many more valuable buildings were burned, or blown up, to stop the progress of the fire.