AARON GILKEY

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Aaron Gilkey's house caught fire from a defective flue last Friday morning, and but for the timely assistance of neighbors and friends, would have soon have developed into a first-class conflagration. As it was, however, very little damage was done. Right here your correspondent wishes to say he thinks he has found out the meanest man in CC township. The aforesaid gentleman (?) drove past Mr. Gilkey's house while the smoke and flames were pouring from the roof and saw the men working to save the property but he did not even so much as check his team or turn his head after he had passed the house to see whether they had succeeded in checking the flames or not. And that evening in conversation with some gentlemen in Crawfordsville told them that "Aaron Gilkey's house was on fire when he come through but he didn't know whet it burned or not." On being asked why he did not stop and help put out the fire, he said, "Oh, there seemed to be plenty without me, so I come on to town." Your correspondent don't claim to be posted, but he thinks that was one of the meanest, lowest, dirtiest and most contemptable tricks he ever saw or heard of, and what makes it all the more noticeable is that the part in question, claims to be one of the leading men in all moral, political and religious matters in this community, as well as a leading stock man.

Hmm, wonder who that was ???