

HAMILTON & BROWN - Homes, 1887

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Within the brief space of one hour Monday forenoon there were two fire alarms. At 9:30 the boys hauled the hose reel out on east Market street to Jim Hamilton's residence on the corner of Market street and Park avenue. The roof had caught fire by a spark from the summer kitchen, but the blaze was put out by buckets before the hose was attached. About an hour later a blaze was discovered on the roof of the house occupied by George Brown, colored, just across the railroad on south Walnut street and a tramp who happened to be passing wore the sole from one of his shoes running in to give the alarm. This time the engine was hauled out and there was a wild rush for the scene of conflict, but again the flames were smothered before the department arrived. Both were meager blazes and the damages light. It is necessary to state that the tramp was paid 25 cents for losing his sole, and went on his way rejoicing. - kbz