

GREAT FIRE IN CORK.

EARLY on Monday morning last the fine premises of Messrs. Dobbin, Ogilvie, and Co., King-street, Cork, known as the "Hibernian Buildings," were found to be on fire. They have only been about five years built, and formed a prominent architectural feature in King-street. They comprised three buildings; the main or centre structure contained the counting-house and the general warehouse, in which all kinds of merchandise were stored. Brandies, whiskeys, oils, chandlery, and other inflammable materials were among the goods that filled this large and commodious section. At the right stood the building in which the confectionery was manufactured, and which was furnished with all the newest mechanical appliances for this peculiar industry. The building at the left side was the one in which the important work of tobacco spinning was carried on. The two wings were separate and distinct from the centre building, but a bridge spanning the intervening space connected the three for business purposes. The tobacco factory was fitted with machinery of a very expensive and elaborate character, and there was besides a large quantity of tobacco, manufactured or in process of manufacturing. It was at the rear of this section that the boilers were placed and the engine which set in motion the machinery of the entire establishment. The premises were locked up on Saturday evening at the usual hour. No watchman was employed, but the usual inspection which took place after the work had ceased, showed that apparently everything was right. The last person on the premises was young Mr. Dobbin, who on Sunday called at the office for a parcel. That was early in the day, and nothing was then visible to indicate the presence of fire in any part of the building.

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