

Adelaide Fire Brigade 1838

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Fires.—On Saturday last the stables belonging to Mr. Lee, late of the Southern Cross Hotel, were destroyed by fire. In the same afternoon a fire broke out in Mr. Lees's dwelling-house, which was fortunately discovered in time and got under without damage. Some circumstances transpired which induced a belief that these fires were the work of an incendiary, and the servant girl being suspected, was apprehended and examined. No evidence, however, was adduced to substantiate the charge, and the girl was dismissed. We regret to learn that the farm-house on the Torrens, about seven miles distant from Adelaide, was totally consumed by fire on Friday evening last, and that the proprietor, Mr. Pinkerton, lost almost every article of furniture, clothing, and dress belonging to himself and his family. Amongst other things destroyed was a very fine piano-forte. The cause is attributed to the carelessness of a servant smoking too near the thatch.

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FIRE AT MR. LEE'S LIVERY STABLES.—On Saturday morning last, about 7 o'clock, a fire broke out at the stables of Mr. Lee, in Currie-street, and we regret to say entirely consumed them. The fire, it appears, had its origin in a room occupied by a servant of Mr. Lee, who was in the habit of placing his candle against the pole which supported the roof, and it is supposed that the fire was occasioned by the igniting of this pole. We had prepared a full account of this unfortunate occurrence, which had nearly proved the destruction of several extensive premises, but the want of room prevents us inserting it this week.