

## Adelaide Fire Brigade 1846

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### A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

Early, on Tuesday morning the premises of Mr J. Stephens, Bookseller, were discovered to be on fire. The fire communicated from the back office through the floor to the cellar, where a quantity of firewood was housed, which when first seen was in a state of active combustion, and the family were scarcely able to leave their rooms from the suffocating smoke. Fortunately, it being publication night, the compositors of the Register were instantly on the spot, forming a very efficient fire brigade, and the flames were quickly subdued, without giving any alarm to the slumbering neighbourhood. Even the police were not aware of the fact until the danger was over, when a couple of them came up to inquire if any baking was going forward on the premises.