

A fire broke out last Friday at a cottage at Little Barford, which might have proved of serious consequence to a row of cottages and other thatched buildings contiguous, but for the prompt and timely assistance of some workmen just leaving off work, who fortunately (aided by the inhabitants of the place) subdued the fire without extending further than one cottage. We hear it was occasioned by two boys wantonly letting off fire-works, named Austin and Tims, who are committed to prison for the offence.

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