short time, for it could not have been more than half an hour afterwards, when I was awakened by one roommates calling me, and saying the building was in a blaze. I got up and saw immediately that his statement was undeniable. Then put my head out and cried fire in quite a loud tone, upon which a good man below me said it was worthless to make so much fuss yet, that they would all give the alarm in a short time; but by that time there were several from the other side of the street in my room, and we gave the alarm, and those below immediately joined, and in 10 minutes the upper part of the building was on fire.

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