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FIRE AT CONCORD.
 Good Work of Fire Department Saves Store Building—Fireman Carroll Hurt by Falling Pipe—New Commissioner Appointed—Change in Livery Business and a Deal in Real Estate.

Special to The Observer.
 Concord, Dec. 6.—A fire alarm was turned in this morning, calling the department to the storehouse occupied by John F. Bunn, a merchant at Forest Hill, on Wall street, just across the street from the manufacturing plant of the Odell Mills. For a little while the blaze looked quite threatening, having originated in the roof from a defective flue. The building is the middle of about eight wooden structures and is a veritable fire-trap. The roof was about half consumed before the water was turned on, and then it was only a few moments until all was down and out. The goods in the storehouse were damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars. While working with the fire company and engaged in handling the big nose, several links of a large terra cotta pipe falling, striking fireman Frank Carroll on the shoulder, rendering him unconscious for a short while. Mr. Carroll was not seriously hurt, but the jar and shock has made him very sore.

THE GAME EXPLAINED.
 "Supposing," he said to the recorder, "you are to play the game, you would shift uneasily in his chair at this sudden hypothesis, which made him a supposititious particeps criminis by a sort of legal fiction of the Richard Roe variety, but he said nothing. Brace continued: 'I'm dealer, an' you draw an' I explain to you. That's the top card of the pack, an' that's my card. Then I turn over the next card in the pack, an' if that's the same as yours (meaning the same denomination), 'you fall an' I win; if it's the same as mine, I fall an' you win. If it's not the same as yours nor mine, I keep on dealin' till a card comes up that is the same as yours or mine. An' that's all.' When this luminous 'explanation' was finished, all the whits auditors wore a puzzled look, while the negro present looked upon the speaker with admiration amounting almost to awe. The explainer himself, not noticing the latter circumstance, sank back in the wicker chair with an expression on his face that he said as clearly as words, 'I have betrayed a trust.'

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 Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 6.—The colored Republicans are after the scalps of Postmaster Pioneer and Assistant Postmaster Young. At a meeting of the local Republican Club, O. L. Pace, money order clerk at the postoffice, who is a candidate for postmaster, was endorsed for the office. Last Monday night colored Republicans held a meeting and Mr. Pace, by invitation, was present and asked what he would do in the way of recognizing the organization in the event he should be appointed postmaster. The Republicans made it clear that they wanted to be recognized in the way of appointments.

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