

The City Island Drift
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The Fire!

Our reporter was informed by Mrs Gruse that Mr. Gruse was away to the city, and no business was being done in the house at the time. The lights were out and no signs of business were visible about the place before the fire broke out. What there was in there to start a fire was not known except the stoves. Some said the stove had upset, but when the fire was out sufficient enough to enter, the stove stood in its place ready to do duty again, if another pipe were fur-

The interior of the building on the south side is entirely burned out - showing the rafters and the sheathing very plainly.

The furniture is more or less charred, some of it being useless, while some of it may be utilized again.

This building is divided into two rooms, the southern room being used for a restaurant and the northern room as a saloon. It was in the southern room that the fire seems to have started, and it is where the most damage is done, confining itself to that room entirely but for a place over the front door of the saloon.

In the restaurant was