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Now, all these results from good management may be easily and cheaply obtained, by merely using a canvas bag, which is sufficiently large to receive the fruit when it is perfectly ripe, as it is shaken out of the tree. This funnel should be slit in one place, from top to bottom, so as to allow of the introduction of a ladder, or other means to be placed *around* the tree limbs all around the trunk, and the outer part should be secured with small poles so as to allow the fruit which falls within the funnel, to roll gently down in a heap at the trunk of the tree. This contrivance would save much labor, and prevent the fruit from being injured.

(From the Boston Daily Advertiser.)

BURNING OF THE URUSULINE CONVENT AT CHARLESTOWN.

DISGRACEFUL OUTRAGE.—We are called on to record one of the most scandalous acts of popular violence which have ever perpetrated in this community.

We announced in a postscript to our last paper, dated at a quarter past one o'clock yesterday morning, that the Ursuline Convent at Charlestown, was then in flames, having been set on fire by a mob assembled for the purpose. The Convent is situated on Mount Benedict, at the distance of about a mile from the central portion of Charlestown, and two or three miles from the city. The pri-

At a future after eleven o'clock on Monday night, an alarm of fire was given in the city and the neighboring towns. The sound of the bells and the general air of bustle in the neighborhood of the convent. It appears that this must have been a pre-arranged signal for assembling, among the mass of citizens who would be collected, a large number of whom had con-

entered into combination for the destruction of the convent. A party of fifty to a hundred persons, disguised by fantastic dresses and painted faces, assembled before the convent, and after warning by loud noises and threats of violence to smother their escape, proceeded to make an actual assault upon the house. The leaders of the convent, alarmed by the threats of violence, immediately ordered the children under their charge to flee. When retreated from the courtyard, they escaped through the garden, and were obliged to seek refuge in the woods.

The assault proceeded then to the interior of the house with such force that it is said they laid violent hands on the

The distress and terror of the scene were heightened by the solicitude of the Nuns for one of their number, who is confined to her bed by a disease from which she is not expected to recover.

The assailants forced open the doors and windows of the convent, carried most of the furniture, among which were three pianofortes, a harp, and other musical instruments, into the yard and then destroyed it. At about half past 12 o'clock they set fire to the building in the second story, and in a short time it was entirely

A great number of persons were assembled at the spot, and were witnesses of these transactions. We are unable to account for it, that no measures were taken to repress them. We do not learn that any magistrate or police officer came upon the ground. Several fire companies from Charlestown, and from Cambridge, were seen passing the first alarm, and when they ascertained the cause of the alarm, a part of them returned home. A number of the fire companies however were present during the conflagration, and the effectual measures which were taken to suppress it, appear to have been overruled by the

great number of persons assembled, many of them evidently from a distance, for the apparent purpose of encouraging and aiding the work of destruction.

Besides the gunnery several other buildings belonging to the establishment were also burnt. The fire was deliberately communicated to the Chapel, to the Bishop's Lodge, the Stables, and the old Gunpowder, a large wooden building situated at a short distance from the others. It is asserted also, that the cemetery was opened, and its contents taken out and exposed to view. The work of destruction was continued until day light, when the mob dispersed. Of the pecuniary value of the property thus destroyed, we cannot give any accurate estimate. It is supposed to have cost from 20 to 100,000 dollars. It is stated that there was a

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