

M. L. Ruggles' farm house, together with a lot of household furniture, burned to the ground about twelve o'clock Friday night. Loss about \$600. Mr. Ruggles had only got through rebuilding and fixing up his house in a comfortable manner this last fall, and this loss, especially in the dead of winter is a hard one. No one knows what started the fire and the only feasible solution to the question is that it must have been a defective flue. The hired man first discovered the fire. He was awakened by a rumbling noise and thought it was thundering until he was soon convinced that the house was on fire. Mr. Ruggles carried no insurance on the house.