Fire in Neville Street

Shortly before nine o'clock this morning Mr. Benjamin Goodman, grocer, of 73, Neville Street was at breakfast, when he smelt a strong smell - a strong smell of something burning. Thinking that the chimney of the house at the back, 2 house, 7 court, occupied by Thomas Henry Salt, was on fire, he went round to make inquiries. It was then discovered that in consequence of a defective flue, a floor joist in the garret had been burnt away, and from there the fire had worked its way into Goodman's upstairs closet, in which were stored pictures, papers, and other articles. An alarm was at once raised, and Sergeant Wint, with Police-constables Scrafield and Watts, were quickly on the scene, and at once commenced to put out the fire. A telephone message was also sent to the Central Fire Station, and Superintendent Pound in a very short space of time was on the spot with the tender and a staff of the brigade. By this time the police officers had done everything to stop the spread of the flames, and the firemen, by pulling up the boards, extinguished the fire by means of the hand pump. Mr. Salt is not insured, but Mr. Goodman is insured in the Norwich Union. The property belongs to Miss Hudson.