

**SATURDAY'S BIG STORM**

**Rushing Waters Flow and  
Mighty Winds Blow.**

**HEAVIEST STORM IN YEARS.**

**Houses Blown Down, Stores and  
Factories Unroofed, Highways  
Strewn With Wreckage.**

Not since the memorable October storm of 1878 has so much damage been done in this section by wind and rain as the storm of Saturday night caused. The rain fell in torrents and the wind blew almost a hurricane. Trees were blown down or stripped of branches. Signs and awnings were strewn through the streets. Mad rivers rushed wildly through the gutters, choked the inlets and flooded streets. Beating into small cracks and crevices otherwise dry houses were damaged by the rain. The tides in the Delaware were higher than known for years and considerable damage was done along the wharves.

Down in the low sections of the Eighth ward, where miserable shanties and wretched hovels exist, great distress was caused by the volumes of water. Cellars all over the city, hitherto dry and impervious to dampness were invaded and partially filled with water. The Delaware was lashed into fury and the ferry boats crossed to and from Philadelphia amid swells like those of the ocean. The boats rocked like vessels at sea and passengers left the cabins in fright and passed out on deck, the swells of the river now and then washing over the decks.

The roof of Cooper, Stone & Co's large hardware and house furnishing store, three stories high, was blown off bodily and demolished, taking with it rafters, timbers and all. The damage to the building amounts to about \$50, while the damage to the stock, from water, will foot up considerably.

At Robert F. Comey's straw bleachery and dye works, Jefferson street above Seventh, Eighth ward, the roof was also blown entirely off and carried a considerable distance. The water rushed into the building in great volumes damaging the stock and machinery to the amount of \$50. The building cannot be put in repair for much less than \$300, making a total loss of about \$800.

The top of the handsome bulk window at E. J. Dungey's jewelry store, 441 Kaighn avenue was blown off, causing a damage amounting to nearly \$100, principally upon goods on show in the window.

At H. F. West's large mill in the Eighth ward, now being fitted up by Croit & Priestly of North Front street, a new wall in course of construction at the rear of the building, was blown down, entailing a loss of about \$150.

A five-room frame house located at Mechanic and Rose streets, was blown down.

A new frame house, all ready for plastering, located on the Haddonfield turnpike, near the Evergreen cemetery, was blown down and entirely demolished and is a total wreck.

The large flag staff at the Elwell Yacht Club's quarters on South Second street, was blown down, causing considerable damage.

The hot house belonging to the estate of W. Warnock, a Sixth and Mt. Vernon streets, and the stable adjoining, were damaged by wind and rain to the amount of about \$300.

## Roof of Comey's straw bleachery ruined.

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