



The burning Storehouses, in which 100,000 Sacks of Corn were piled.

THE BURNING OF THE DARBLAY GRANARIES AT CORBEIL, ON THE SEINE.

The destructive fire in the Darblay granaries at Corbeil, in the department of Seine-et-Oise, of which we give sketches, caused the loss of four lives, besides injuring more or less seriously thirty people. The fire seems to have been caused by an explosion in the wheat-dust chamber, the dust-laden air blazing up when a workman lighted his lamp. The mills and granaries at Corbeil form one of the most important establishments of the kind in France.

They comprise a huge building, 200 metres long and seven stories high. The explosion in the dust-chamber brought about the collapse of the two upper stories of the granaries, and then the ruins took fire. The flames spread with startling rapidity, and three blocks of the building were soon ablaze. Then they spread further until the whole range was on fire. It was with the greatest difficulty that the steam mills close by, for the supply of which the granaries were

erected, were saved. The conflagration was seen from great distances, fire-engines being turned out and hurrying up to the scene from Versailles and even distant Melun, while a special train was despatched to Corbeil from Paris with two steam fire-engines on trucks. The granaries contained 70,000 hundredweights of wheat, which burnt fiercely.