

**THE BARRETT WATER WORKS.**—The apparatus secured in our village for the purpose of suppressing fires, and thus enhancing the security and value of our property, was thoroughly tested on Tuesday last, and demonstrated an efficiency highly satisfactory to our citizens. We have little time or room to particularize this week, and it must suffice to say that in just ten minutes after the fire was kindled, the steam gauge indicated thirty pounds of steam—and in thirteen and one fourth minutes sixty pounds. Hot pipes were attached to the hydrants at four different points in our village, and four unbroken, one-inch streams were thrown, at the same time, to a height exceeding one hundred feet. We are told that the Engine costs \$3,000; that a mile and a quarter of water-pipe has been laid in our streets at an aggregate cost of \$2,000, and that other expenses, including the cost of the Engine House and Fireman's Building, will swell the total to about \$50,000. These figures seem pretty steep, but, if they proportionately increase the security of our property, can well be afforded.