

MODELLER, OUT ON VISIT, HOMELESS ON RETURN.

When Mr. and Mrs. William Boatfield, of 13 Victoria street, Sunshine, left home about 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening, a small fire was burning in the kitchen fireplace. When they returned four hours later they found it necessary to seek the hospitality of friends for the night. Fire had swept the home and destroyed the greater part of the contents. The walls were damaged and the roof had fallen inside. Flooring in the kitchen was badly damaged.

The Sunshine Fire Brigade received an alarm at 9 o'clock, but on their arrival the fire had made considerable progress. A good water supply enabled them however to extinguish the blaze.

The house was insured in the Mercantile for £650, and the furniture and effects in the South British for £250.

Mr. Boatfield is a modeller employed at Wunderlich's factory.