

✶ The Fire Alarm Telegraph is approaching completion. Forty-nine miles of wire have been stretched over the city, diving under the arms of the sea which separate its main portion from South and East Boston. The first of the forty cast-iron signal boxes has been placed on the Reservoir in Hancock street. These will be so distributed that every house in the city will be within fifty rods of one. Whenever a fire occurs resort will be had to the nearest box, where by turning a crank, instantaneous communication will be made to the central office, and from that, which stands related to the whole fire department of the city like the brain to the nervous system, instant knowledge will be communicated to the seven districts into which the city is divided by so striking, the alarm bells simultaneously, that the locality of the fire will be known exactly to all. This system, the perfect success of which is now certain, will stand forth as one of the finest achievements of scientific skill, and a source of just pride to Boston. — *Commonwealth.*