

# FEARLESS BOSTON FIREMEN

## Who Take All Kinds of Chances

### A SERIES OF PERSONAL STORIES

#### LIEUT. COLEMAN E. CLOUGHERTY LADDER CO 27

"My most thrilling experience in the department occurred when I was a hose-man on Engine Company 25. The company responded to a second alarm from box 50 on the night of Dec 27, 1910, for a fire at 39 to 41 Kingston st. This fire was on the fourth and fifth floors, flames shooting halfway across the street. Engine 25 was ordered to take its line over Ladder 14 to the fifth floor.

"Hosemen Coveney, Griffin and myself took the line to the fifth floor and worked from the ladder. The heat from this fire was intense and we had hard work to maintain our position. I don't think we could have stayed there if it had not been for the good work of Engine Company 7, which played a street stream over us and kept away the intense heat until we made the window and worked our way inside. After fighting the flames some time I was able to make the stairway and reach the street.

"My most narrow escape from death was at a five-alarm fire from box 645 on June 18, 1914. I was lieutenant of Engine Company 7. While directing a stream



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on the roof, I stepped into an open skylight and fell a distance of 5 feet, striking on a lot of brass castings, receiving injuries to my back and hips which kept me off duty for 80 days."

Lieut. Coleman E. Clougherty was appointed to the department April 23, 1909, and was promoted to lieutenant April 7, 1911.