A FINE MANSION BURNED.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—The elegant home of United States Senator Gorman, near Laurel, in Howard County, was destroyed by fire early this morning. It was situated about three miles from the Laurel station of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Mrs. Gorman, the wife of the Senator, Miss Daisy Gorman, their daughter, and some servants were the occupants of the house last night. All, when aroused by the fire, were obliged to flee in their night clothes for their lives. A rainstorm was raging at the time. At the beginning of November Senator Gorman and family took possession of their Washington house, and it was only yesterday that Mrs. Gorman, her daughter Daisy, and some servants, returned to the country home. Fires were built in the kitchen range and in the family sitting room. Before retiring last night the bright fires and the whistling wind attracted attention to the tremendous draught of the chimneys, and a man servant was left on watch in the kitchen until the fire should die out entirely. The man says he did this duty and then went to his room over the kitchen. The fire started in the kitchen and had made considerable headway when discovered.

The manservant ran to the rooms occupied by Mrs. and Miss Gorman and aroused them. The flames were as swift as the man, and Mrs. Gorman and daughter, followed by the servant, ran down stairs and out of the front door into the storm. The front exit was the only part of the house then not enveloped in flames. The ladies, after a look at the burning homestead, started for a place of shelter, which they found after a weary walk through a pelting rain and fierce gale in the house of Mr. Hobbs, the Superintendent of the Gorman farm, a quarter of a mile distant from their abandoned home. The shock of their rude awakening, the sight of their burning home, and their long exposure in night clothing only to the severest storm that for a long time has visited Howard County affected the ladies very seriously, and Mrs. and Miss Gorman were this morning completely prostrated. They quickly rallied, however, and were taken to the house of Mr. Stephen Gambrill, a brother of Mrs. Gorman. At noon Mrs. and Miss Gorman left for Washington. Senator Gorman did not go to Laurel, Mrs. Gorman having informed him of her intentions to return at once to the capital. Some family portaits and a portion of the library were saved. The total loss is placed at $20,000; insurance, $5,000.

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