

Basic Detail Report

Title The Cause of the Great Chicago Fire Oct. 9th. 1871.

Date 1871-1880

Medium Lithography; printer's ink and watercolor on wove paper

Description In the interior of a barn, a cow kicks over a lighted kerosene lamp, starting a fire in what appear to be bundles of hay or cornstalks at the left. A rope attached to the cow's horn is tied to a ring in the barn wall at the right. A woman carrying a milk bucket raises her right hand in alarm. She wears a kerchief on her head, a blouse with the sleeves rolled up, a skirt, and an apron. A three-legged stool lies on its side in the right foreground. The background is dark, and it appears to be night.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 8 3/8 x 13 1/2in. (21.3 x 34.3cm) Sheet (height x width): 9 x 13 1/2in. (22.9 x 34.3cm)