

FEARLESS BOSTON FIREMEN

Who Take All Kinds of Chances

A SERIES OF PERSONAL STORIES.

DISTRICT CHIEF FRANCIS J. JORDAN

"The most thrilling experience I believe I ever had was on Jan 10, 1893, at the Heath Brothers' fire in the Brown Building on Summer st.

"The building was six stories high and there were three companies working on the roof, under the direction of the late District Chief John F. Egan. The smoke was rolling up in clouds and the heat was so intense that we were forced to lie flat on the roof for about 30 minutes, which seemed a long time to us. The fire was raging below and we did not know the moment the roof would fall in and carry us down with it.

"There was no way of escape. All we could do was to lie there until assistance came from below. Finally Ladder 17 succeeded in shooting up the aerial ladder to the roof and we all reached the ground in safety. This escape from a horrible death made an impression on me that I will not soon forget."

District Chief Jordan was appointed to the department May 18, 1891, and was



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assigned to Engine 5. He has been lieutenant of Engine 9-18, captain of Engine 6-18, and recently was appointed district chief.