

A NEW ENGINE HOUSE.

The Walter E. Hawes Engine Company, No. 15, yesterday took possession of their new house at the corner of Broadway and Dorchester avenue, or on what the firemen choose to call Broadway square. This building has been some time in process of construction, and is one of the most complete and elegant structures of the kind in the city. It is 65 feet long by 25 feet wide, and is built of brick, with Concord granite trimmings, and is, on the exterior, a very handsome structure. The name of the company is cut in raised letters on the granite above the doorway. Two spacious doors open upon the avenue, which are fitted with plate glass, and furnished with curtains marked with the number and initials of the company. The building is two stories in height, with a French roof story above these.

The first floor is occupied as the engine room, and in the rear as a stable, there being a partition separating the two. A work room and a washing room provided with a marble basin and other conveniences are also on this floor. Everything is a pattern of neatness in this part of the building as well as others, and by the superior ventilating devices introduced there is no objectionable odor from the stable, as is often the case in engine houses.

The second floor is divided into a parlor, three sleeping rooms, a bath room, and hay loft. The parlor is 22 by 14 feet, and is furnished with elegant black walnut furniture, including ten stuffed chairs, a marble-top centre table, a sofa and secretary. The walls are covered with handsome panelled paper, a heavy cornice extends next the ceiling, and a marble fire frame or mantel-piece is one of the adornments of the room. From the centre of the ceiling hangs a bronze chandelier. The sleeping rooms are also supplied with black walnut furniture and are in every respect neatly and comfortably fitted up. The hall at the head of the stair-way is papered with blocked marble paper. The bath-room is as elegant as those of our first-class residences, and the trimmings and furniture here are black walnut also. The upper story under the French roof is to be used as a hall, being of full interior dimensions of the building. It is not yet finished.

Every apartment in the building is lighted with gas, and all are ventilated in the most perfect manner. Hot and cold water is conveyed by pipes to every floor, the sixty-gallon tank for heating water being on the first floor. This arrangement for heating water is of the most convenient and economical description.

The basement is occupied for storage and for hose cleaning operations. A fifty-foot trough is provided with faucets for hot and cold water, and is placed with one end beneath the hose tower. The tower ascends seventy-four feet from the cellar floor, and is of sufficient capacity to hang up 2000 feet of hose. The cellar bottom is cemented and the walls are whitened. The basement windows supply ample light. The deposit for the stable refuse is separated by a solid brick partition from the basement room. The basement story is eight feet in the clear, the first story twelve and a half feet, the second story eleven and a half feet, and the upper hall ten and a half feet. Altogether the building is a model for the purpose for which it is designed, and its occupants will receive the congratulations of all their friends who may visit it.