

THE MORDAUNT ARSON TRIAL.—The trial of Ada Mordaunt, on an indictment for arson, progresses but slowly in the County Court. The testimony of the principal witness, Lizzie Phillips, a colored woman, was taken yesterday. She testified that the defendant offered to give her \$4,000 to burn the house, saying that she had \$8,000 insurance upon it. She consented to do so, and she and defendant saturated the bed clothing and wetted the walls with kerosene. The defendant then went to San Jose, and instructed her to set the house on fire, and when the firemen came, to tell them that a party had been there in company with a large man in gray clothing, who bore ill will to the defendants, and that he had set the house on fire and escaped by the back door. On the night agreed upon she wound some rags around the end of a stick, saturated them with kerosene, went up stairs, and, lighting the torch, set fire to the clothing and threw the torch behind the washstand. She then went down stairs and lay on the sofa. She kept quiet for some time, and, fearing that the fire would not kindle, was about to go up again, when an officer pounded on the door and told her the house was on fire. The engines soon arrived and the fire was extinguished, but not before the upper part of the building had been burned out.