

## FIRE PREVENTION.

F. W. Fitzpatrick, consulting architect of Washington, and a zealous advocate of protection against fire, has written, for the American School of Correspondence Fire-Prevention course, a little pamphlet entitled *Fires and*



THE CITY HALL OF SAN FRANCISCO BEFORE THE FIRE.

*Fire Losses* as a warning to architects to safeguard their buildings by the use of proper materials, and by taking proper methods in their construction. Our readers may remember Mr. Fitzpatrick's article on the subject which appeared in *The Open Court*, Vol. XX, 726. As an instance of how effective the proper

way of protection against fire may be we here reproduce the picture of the San Francisco city hall before and after the fire, showing the immunity of the



THE CITY HALL OF SAN FRANCISCO AFTER THE FIRE.

top of its tower due to a tile floor which must have effectively checked the progress of the fire.

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#### NOTES FROM JAPAN.

We learn through Professor Ernest W. Clement, who has recently been called again to the University of Tokyo, of the unusual circumstance that