

## MUCH DAMAGE ABOUT PLAINFIELD.

**Trees Uprooted and Trolley Lines Blocked—Many Orchards Ruined.**

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Aug. 2.—The storm which did so much damage at Elizabeth struck this city first, but was not so severe here. The rain and wind lasted about an hour, but the storm was at its worst during the first fifteen minutes. Trees were uprooted and blown down, and the streets were blocked. Many houses suffered, but none was wrecked in the city.

The trolley lines were blocked for three hours. The wires were broken by the falling of trees, which went down before the wind. A house owned by Benjamin Eddy on West Second Street was badly damaged. The wind appeared to get under the shingles and tore them from the scantlings. E. B. Smith's barn was wrecked by the wind.

Cornelius Compton, a young man, started to scorch home on his bicycle just before the storm broke. As he was nearing his home the wind broke, and a tree just ahead of him came out of the ground by the roots. Compton tried to stop, but could not, and steered to the far side of the street and fell. Just as he struck, the tree fell on him and he was pinioned under the upper branches. He was only scratched.

At South Plainfield many orchards were ruined. Every bit of fruit was blown from the trees, and the trees themselves in many cases were uprooted. Compton Vail's big orchards are practically ruined, and most of them will have to be replanted.

At Dunellen a new house belonging to Mrs. Louisa Perry was blown down. It was practically finished, and would have been ready for occupancy within a short time. Many trees were also blown down at Dunellen.

In this city the streets will not all be cleared of trees before morning, although Street Commissioner Drayton has a big gang of men out.

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