was the Night for Fire Safety author unknown

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w a s the night before Christmas, when all through the house \star Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. \star When down through the chimney, all covered with soot \star Came the "Spirit of Fire", an ugly galoot. \star His eyes glowed like embers, his features were stern \star As he looked all around him for something to burn. \star What he saw made him grumble-his anger grew higher \star For there wasn't a single thing that would start a good fire. \star No door had been blocked by the big Christmas tree \star It stood in the corner, leaving passage ways free. \bigstar The lights that glow brightly for Betty and Tim \star Had been hung with precaution, so none touched a limb. \star All wiring was new, not a break could be seen \star And wet sand at its base kept the tree nice and green. \star The tree had been trimmed by a mother insistent \star That the ornaments used should be fire resistant. \star The mother had known the things to avoid, \star Like cotton and paper and plain celluloid. \star Rock wool, metal icicles and trinkets of glass \star Gave life to the tree - it really had class. \star And would you believe it, right next to the tree \star Was a suitable box for holding debris \star A place to hold wrappings of paper and string \star From all of the gifts that Santa might bring. \star The ugly galoot was so mad he could bust \star As he climbed up the chimney in utter disgust. \star For the folks in this

> home had paid close attention \star To all of the rules of good fire prevention.