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Animal Welfare

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*(Original art): Chelsea
Conflagration Sunday April 12,
1908 "Homeless"*

[Boston?]: 1908

\$600



Original illustration. Pen, ink, and gouache, highlighted with china white. Approximately 11" x 7". One (archival?) tape repair on verso, tipped onto foamcore with two pieces of (archival?) tape, slight age-toning, else near fine. Illustration of the burnt out husks of buildings, with a cat plaintively leaning on the chest of a forlorn dog, apparently wondering where their next meal is coming from. Beneath the image is the single caption "Homeless." The conflagration in question is also known as The Great Chelsea fire of 1908, in Chelsea, Massachusetts, directly across the Mystic River from Boston in which 19 people were killed and 15,000 people left homeless. Wind-born sparks were carried from a fire at the Boston Blacking Company that was thought to be under control, but which spread to the many wooden frame buildings of the neighborhood. Prodigious nationwide relief efforts resulted; hopefully some of it made its way to the abandoned and forlorn house pets. [BTC#420426]