

Emily H. Birmingham

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Birmingham. Suddenly, Thursday, January 1, 1920 at her residence, 19 H street northwest, Emily H., beloved wife of the late Edward C. Birmingham, aged 78 years. Funeral service at Zurhorst's funeral parlors, 301 E. Capitol street Saturday, January 3 at 3 p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment private.

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**Mrs. Emily Birmingham Dies of Asphyxiation
Found Dead in Room at 19 H Street -- Was Eight Years Old
Death Declared Accident**

Mrs. Emily Birmingham, eighty years old, 19 H street was found dead in her room yesterday afternoon, having been accidentally asphyxiated by illuminating gas. She had been dead several hours when the police entered her room.

Policemen Wheeler and Newton of the sixth precinct forced an entrance to the room, other occupants of the premises having become alarmed because they had not seen her since Wednesday night and because the odor of gas had been detected.

Coroner Nevitt found that a defective rubber tube caused the gas to escape. He gave a certificate of accidental death, and H.L. Birmingham, son of the deceased, of 123 C street southwest, has made funeral arrangements.

At various times the past several years Coroner Nevitt has called attention to the necessity of inspecting gas fixtures, especially in hotels and rooming houses, not so much on account of defecting rubber tubes, but because of defective fixtures.

Many deaths from gas would have been prevented, the coroner stated, had there been an inspection of gas fixtures in public houses. He has arranged to bring the question before the proper authorities in the near future, and it also is probable that civic bodies will discuss the question.