

Cora Alverta Della **(- 3 Feb 1898)**

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Fatally Burned

Six-Year-Old Girl meets Death in a Horrible Manner

Cora Alverta Della, the six-year-old daughter of Edward T. Della, a huckster residing on the Anacostia road, about a mile beyond Twining City, was fatally burned late yesterday afternoon. A younger child, Florence, aged eighteen months was also severely burned. Just how the accident occurred is not known. The mother was the only grown person about at the time. From her statement it was learned that she left her kitchen to go to the spring after water. She left in the room Cora, Blanche, aged three years, and Florence, the baby, who was in her cradle. All were some distance from the stove. When Mrs. Della started to return, after about ten minutes absence, she was alarmed by hearing cries of fire from the lips of Blanche, who was standing near the rear of the house.

Mrs. Della ran quickly to the kitchen which she found full of smoke. She procured water and extinguished the blaze, rescuing the babe. She was of the opinion that Cora was outside the dwelling, but instead her dead body, literally roasted was discovered beneath the baby's cradle.

Mr. Della's opinion is that Cora's dress had taken fire from the stove and that she in her fright had accidentally communicated the flames to the cradle. Then, in endeavoring to save the younger child, Cora had perished. This opinion is generally held to be correct.

The coroner was notified of the accident and gave a certificate of death in accordance with the facts shown. The condition of the dead child's body was such as to make early interment necessary, and it took place today.

The baby was not burned as badly as was at first supposed, and will recover. The dead child was a favorite with her parents and was, it is said, very intelligent and careful for one so young.