Milton Fowler

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The Evening Star, October 24, 1898 Anacostia Happenings Death of a Child Caused by Accident

Milton Fowler, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Fowler of Minnesota avenue, Anacostia, whose age was a few days over one year, died early yesterday morning from the effects of a strange accident that occurred the preceding day, the particulars of which are as follows: Saturday morning about 10 o'clock Mrs. Fowler was absent from her house, attending to some business at her husband's store, several squares away. The house and children were left in charge of a young colored woman named Eva Bruce. The girl was preparing to give the kitchen floor a scrubbing, having for the purpose a bucket of soap suds. She left the room for a broom, leaving Milton, who was unable to walk, crawling about the floor. She says she was not gone more than a minute, and when she returned she found the boy wedged into the bucket of water, his head downward and his arms tightly pressed by his body inside the receptacle. The child was taken from his position unconscious and apparently dead. Neighbors succeeded, after working some time, in resuscitating him. He was placed under treatment and was apparently doing well. About midnight, however, a change occurred, and the child died at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. Dr. Watson gave a certificate of death. The remains were interred this afternoon in Congressional cemetery.