

## Jessie May Langley

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### **Jessie Langley Dead**

### **Harry Thompson Rearrested by the Police and Now in Custody**

Jessie Langley is dead and her dissected body rested on the dissecting table in the morgue this afternoon. The deceased was sixteen years old, and her mother, Mrs. Mansfield, lives at No. 1220 L street southeast. Jessie, as heretofore printed in The Star, returned home several weeks ago and was taken suddenly ill. She complained that she had been given a drink of whisky by Mrs. Thompson of New Jersey avenue southeast and that Harry Thompson, her son, has criminally assaulted her. The child's condition became so alarming that her mother caused the arrest of Thompson on a charge of criminal assault and had the child sent to Providence Hospital. A representative of the district attorney's office called to see about the patient, but saw no necessity at that time of taking her ante mortem statement.

### *Suffering from Pneumonia*

It soon developed that the girl was suffering from catarrhal pneumonia, so the resident physician at the hospital told a Star reporter, and the patient grew worse. The police were notified of her condition when it was certain that she would not recover, but even then no one took her ante mortem statement, so the doctor said this afternoon.

Death relieved the patient's sufferings about 8 o'clock this morning and Lieut. McCathran caused the rearrest of Harry Thompson, who had been released on \$300 bail.

The body of the child was taken to the morgue, where Deputy Coroner Schaeffer made an autopsy this afternoon.

At the hospital the resident physician told a reporter this afternoon that the child had catarrhal pneumonia and so far as he was concerned he thought the autopsy would fail to reveal any evidence of violence.

### *Result of the Autopsy*

Drs. Vincent and Hall assisted Dr. Schaeffer in making the autopsy, which resulted in showing that death was due to pneumonia. An inquest will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.