

## Annie Morse

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#### **Woman Fatally Burned**

#### **Fatal Results of an Explosion of Coal Oil**

Mrs. Annie Morse, thirty-five years old, wife of Austin Morse, a laborer, was fatally burned this morning while using coal oil to start a fire. The affair occurred at the home of the Morse family, No. 537 4th street southeast, about 8 o'clock. Mrs. Morse was taken to Providence Hospital where she died at 11:35 o'clock. William Bohannon, who conducts a grocery store at No. 735 4th street, and who went to the rescue of Mrs. Morse, was painfully burned about the hands and head.

At the time the fatal accident occurred Mrs. Morse was alone in the house, her husband having gone to work. She was in a hurry to get a hot fire in order to do some cooking, and for this purpose used the oil on the already burning wood. As soon as the oil came in contact with the flames there was an explosion. The flames, which almost filled the kitchen, enveloped the woman and her dress was soon afire. She fought the flames the best she could, but her efforts did not have much effect. Her screams attracted the attention of neighbors, and Mr. Bohannon was the first to go to her assistance, and did his best to save the woman's life. The flames were finally extinguished, but Mrs. Morse was in a dying condition.

Many neighbors responded to her cries, and she was made as comfortable as possible until the arrival of the patrol wagon from the fifth police station. She was placed in the vehicle and hurried to Providence Hospital, but upon her arrival at the hospital the doctors stated that her life could not be saved, although they did what they could for her relief.

Acting Coroner Glazebrook gave a certificate of accidental death, and the body was placed in charge of the dead woman's husband. Arrangements for the funeral will not be perfected until tonight.