

## Minnie Myers

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### **The Fatal Dose of Poison**

#### **Mrs. Minnie Myers' Startling Announcement to Her Neighbors**

Standing at the front door of her home, No. 420 M street southeast, about 8:30 o'clock last night, Mrs. Minnie Myers announced to her neighbors that she had taken poison. She held an empty bottle and a glass in her hands, and the label on the bottle indicated that it had contained carbolic acid. The woman had taken about six ounces of the strong solution. A few minutes after she informed her neighbors of what she had done she was a corpse. Death occurred while the woman was being conveyed to Providence Hospital in the fifth precinct patrol wagon. When the doctors at the hospital pronounced life extinct the woman's body was taken to the morgue.

Mrs. Myers was thirty-five years old, and her maiden name was Thompson. She was born in South Carolina, where her relatives reside. Less than one year ago she became the wife of Charles Myers, who is employed in the Navy Yard. It is stated that she had been unhappy since her marriage, and had talked several times of ending her life. Friends who had heard her threaten to end her life paid but little attention to her statements, as they had no idea that she would put her threats into execution.

Yesterday and during the early hours of the night the young woman was alone in her house. Neighbors knew nothing of her movements until she appeared at the door and startled them with the statement: "I have taken poison." It is believed she gave them this information for the reason that she did not want to be alone when death claimed her.

Several of her neighbors entered the house and antidotes were administered, but without effect, for the acid had already done its deadly work. Policeman Raedy was called to the house and no time was lost in getting the patrol wagon.

A few minutes after the woman had been taken away her husband returned home and was horrified when informed of the rash act. Coroner Nevitt investigated the case and gave the necessary death certificate. Today the body of the woman was taken in charge by her husband for burial. Relatives of the deceased in South Carolina will be notified of her death.