

Frank Noble Reeder

(- 25 Jul 1882)

Reeder. On Tuesday, July 25, 1882, Frank Noble Reeder, only son of Frank H. and Mary J. Reeder, aged 13 years.

Safe in the arms of Jesus

Safe on his gentle breast;

There by his love o'ershaded

Safely his soul doth rest.

Funeral from residence of his parents, No. 1311 Seventh street northwest, on Thursday, at 4 o'clock p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

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The Fatal Toy Pistol

Frank N. Reeder, aged 13 years, son of Mr. Samuel Reeder, died last night at his father's residence, 1311 7th street northwest, of tetanus (lockjaw), the result of a wound inflicted by a toy pistol on the 4th of July. The pistol which shoots a diminutive blank cartridge, was accidentally exploded by a colored boy, and what appeared to be the was entered Reeder's left hand. It was supposed that it had all been extracted and that the boy would recover. About a week ago he was taken with spasms, and last night he died in the manner stated. It was then ascertained that a very small portion of the wad had been left in the wound. The very small percentage of cases like this which do result fatally, it is thought, indicates the presence of some poisonous substance in the cartridge. One physician, who had fifteen cases last year, succeeded in saving life in but two. In the case of young Reeder, it is probable that the was will be subjected to chemical examination.