

Elizabeth M. Sandford

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Suicide Charged To Jealousy

Young Matron of Southeast Washington Takes Rat Poison

Mrs. Mary Sanford returned to her home, 1203 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, from a trip to Chesapeake Beach last night and swallowed a dose of strychnine, dying shortly after her husband found her in convulsions. Frank Sanford, her husband, is employed as a machinist in the navy yard, and last night when he returned home from work he found his wife in her room suffering intense agony.

Dr. N.E. Webb of 420 10th street southeast, was summoned to the house, but the condition of the woman was such that her life could not be saved. A physician from the Casualty Hospital was also summoned to the house, but the patient's condition was found to be so serious that it was deemed useless to remove her to the hospital.

The police of the fifth precinct went to the house and made an investigation. It is said that Mrs. Sanford was of a jealous disposition. She lived in Baltimore before her marriage. She left no note or message of any kind to indicate why she had taken the fatal dose of poison which, it is stated, she bought several days ago for the purpose of killing rats.