

Josephine Taylor

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A Fatal Dose of Arsenic

A Young Woman in South Washington Takes Her Own Life

Miss Josephine Taylor residing at 916 6th street southwest, yesterday morning took a dose of arsenic, and Drs. Leach, Williamson and J.T. Winters were called in, and after several hours work thought that she was out of danger. She, however, took an unfavorable turn during the night and died this morning at 11 o'clock. She was about 23 years of age and remarkably handsome. About a year ago her brother, Frank Taylor, was killed on the B. & P. R.R. Before taking the fatal dose she had been complaining. But few of the neighbors were aware of her death this afternoon, and little was known of the case. If the drug was taken with suicidal intent the cause of the act is at present wrapped in mystery. The case was reported to Dr. Patterson this afternoon by Officer Marks of the first precinct.

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The Suicide of Miss Taylor

Dr. Patterson, the coroner, on Saturday afternoon gave a certificate of death by poison administered by her own hands in the case of Miss Josephine Taylor, whose death at her residence on 6th street near K southwest, was mentioned in The Star on Saturday. The cause for the act seems to be yet a mystery, unless it was due to the reported opposition of some of her family to her receiving the attention of a young man to whom she had long been attached. Her funeral took place this afternoon and was largely attended, and after the services of the Episcopal church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Lee, the interment was made in Congressional Cemetery.