

## Helen M. Torbert

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**Torbert.** Suddenly, on Friday, April 27, 1900, Helen May, daughter of John B. and Florence Kalbfus Torbert, aged 2 years and 9 months. The funeral took place from her parents' residence, 111 C street southeast, Saturday, April 28, at 4 o'clock.

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### **Injuries Were Fatal**

#### **Death of Little Child From the Effects of Burns**

Helen May Torbert, three years old, died at the home of her parents, No. 111 C street southeast, about 9:30 o'clock last night from the effects of burns received during the afternoon. The deceased was the youngest of four children of John B. Torbert, a clerk in the Post Office Department.

Mrs. Torbert left her child asleep in the crib yesterday afternoon in a room on the upper floor, while she went about the house attending to her household duties. She was attracted by the cries of her child, and upon reaching the room she was horrified at finding the child's clothing a mass of flames. The mother grabbed a blanket and soon had the blaze extinguished, but not before the babe had received fatal burns. It is supposed the fire resulted from the child playing with matches. The crib in which the little one slept was near the mantel, on which matches were kept. The child evidently got hold of a match and by some mysterious manner ignited it. A physician was called and the patient was given the best treatment possible. The funeral took place this afternoon.