

A HOLOCAUST OF BABIES.

Three Little Darlings Charred in Their Mother's Slight.

A MOST HEART-RENDING SIGHT.

A Mother's Anguish Caused by a Husband's Cruelty and the Absence of a Brave and Daring Spirit.

"There's a House a-Burnin'."

and an aged man, as he tottered toward Officer Bauer, who had just completed the corner of Twentieth and Pierce streets, yesterday morning.

The next instant, almost, the policeman sounded the alarm from box 6, at Twenty-second and Pierce.

In the rear of 2021 Pierce street there stood a little cottage enveloped in flames. Around it stood a hundred men and women, inactive, listless.

Suddenly above the crackling flames arose those childish voices.

They pierced the ears and riveted the hearts of the bystanders. Everybody knew that children were being burned to death. But not a step was taken, not a hand was raised to save them!

The crowd scattered, and then the firemen directed their streams upon the burning domicile. The flames went up in smoke but the cottage was completely destroyed.

Then it was that little house was entered and from a styre, on which three little children, two girls and a boy, whose names could not be learned, were tenderly lifted and placed on the ground outside, dead and unrecognizable.

"O my darling little ones!" screamed a female voice. "Let me save them, let me save them!"

There was a hasty movement to the front of the residence in the north end of the lot, in which resides Prof. Steinmeyer. Everybody knew that it was the mother, who had returned to her desolate hearth and to the crematory of her loved ones.

Strong men and seized her in their arms. She was struggling to escape from them, having seen the flames from afar, and knowing with even more than a mother's instinct, if that were possible, that all could not be well with her children.

But she tugged in vain. The strong arms would not release their hold.

Finally, overcome by her fruitless efforts, the poor woman, who would and who could not be comforted, was led to a neighbor's house, where she was watched over to prevent her from self-destruction.

Into that fatal lot drove Coroner Drexel's wagon and into the latter were tenderly lifted the remains of the children.

As the wagon regained Twentieth street it passed the residence of A. T. Little at No. 1112 and thus was observed by the mother who sat near the window.

With redoubled strength and determination, the poor woman, who now divined that her

little ones were dead, dashed toward the window. It was only by almost superhuman effort that her guard prevented her from throwing herself through the panes.

The poor sufferer was the embodiment of misery. She was of the ideal German type light, luscious hair, ruddy cheeks, blue eyes and regular features. Her freckles had become disintegrated and flowed freely as she peered from side to side or vainly strove to attain her liberty.

The poor mother was a washerwoman named Lena Schip. She had been deserted by her husband. One month ago she rented the little cottage, which was owned by Mrs. Muehoff, and earned a frugal living by taking in washing.

Yesterday morning she went abroad early to get some goods for which she was told to call. She could not find the place. She started toward home and while on the way saw the flames which had consumed her children.

She had lighted a fire before she left in quest of labor, placed the kettle on the stove so that the water might be in condition to enable her to commence work on her return.

She left the little ones in bed near the window. One of these was a boy six years of age; the second a girl four years of age and the last a baby girl of two months.

She unlocked the door. How the fire originated no one knows. The result has been told.

All the woman's household property and clothing were also destroyed, and, while alone in the world, she has now only the clothes which encase her person.

The burned bodies of the three innocents were placed in the morgue at 9:30 o'clock, and steps were taken to prepare them for burial.

When the coroner's receiving box, in which the bodies were placed when taken from the ruins, was uncovered, the sight presented

was as sickening as it was pitiful. The employes at the morgue, accustomed to handling dead bodies in all shapes and conditions, shuddered in contemplation of the task before them. The three frail bodies were burned to a crisp and had lost nearly all semblance of their life-outlines. The babe's body was the only one recognizable as a human form but it was not spared. The fire had burned its head so that the little child had been roasted away and its brains and blood had been roasted to a crisp mass.

The oldest child, a boy of seven years, was burned so that his

head was entirely gone and his white bones shone through the charred flesh in many places. His legs were drawn up, motionless, and his arms were held by the heat, until his fingers were were with his chest and all of the flesh had fallen from his frame, from his knees to his feet, presenting a ghastly spectacle.

All that remained of the four-year-old girl was one mass of human clodder.

The little bodies were encased in oil shrouds and prepared for burial. But few people viewed the remains and those who did regretted it. The sight was so sickening, so pitiful even to those for whom the horrible holds a fascination.

Coroner Drexel will hold an inquest on the bodies this morning.

"Let Me See My Baby."

Yesterday afternoon the bereaved mother went to Drexel & Maul's to see the remains of her babes. But the kind-hearted attendants of the place, in the absence of their principals, decided it would not be advisable for the woman's sake to comply with the request.

The poor woman grieved sorrowfully and distractedly away, yet gave a violent demonstration of grief. In one hand she bore a little waisted, and in the other what appeared to be a roll of bills. She had intended to offer these to the coroner to secure the burial of the victims, but in the scene which had taken place had neglected to do so.

As she was leaving the morgue she encountered Chief Deagan of the fire department. She did not know who he was, but accosted him in plaintive tones:

"O, please let me see my baby."

At the same time she held up her little waisted and the roll before referred to.

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