

[Ketcham, Marian J.]

DIED.

In Victor, November 13, MARIAN J. KETCHAM, aged 12 years, 4 months and 5 days. The circumstances attending her death were very afflicting. She came from the cellar, whither she had been for apples, and complained of being cold. Her sister stepped out for a moment for some wood. Hearing a fall, she ran back, and found Marian on the floor, with the hot clothes from a boiler that had been on the stove, lying on the chest of the senseless [unconscious] child, and scalding her fatally. She lived only a few hours. She must have had a fit [seizure], and by convulsive action pulled the boiler from the stove. Thus was the life of an amiable girl terminated. Beloved by all her mates, by all the neighbors, and dear to her family, she has departed to the land where life is never uncertain. As her father expressed it—"We sometimes have an unexpected frost, that cuts down our young plants, and causes them to pass away into a more even climate." A discourse was preached and consolation offered by the writer, to the afflicted family and a large gathering of sympathizing neighbors. May that family be comforted with the faith that their daughter and sister is in the land of the happy.

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