

[Heyhart, Catherine Fenner]

AGED WOMAN IN DRESS OF FLAME

Mrs. Neyhart, 86, Thrown, Screaming Into Snowbank
STOVE SET SKIRTS AFIRE

Stood Talking With Her Family Just After Supper—
Her Sons Rushed Her Into the Yard—Not Expected to Live

Auburn, Jan. 23.—Mrs. Catherine Neyhart, eighty-six years old, was horribly burned early last night at her home, No. 42 Clark street, when her clothing caught fire from an overheated stove near which she was standing. It is the belief of Dr. E. V. Hitchcock, who attended the aged woman, that her injuries will prove fatal.

Members of Mrs. Neyhart's family made heroic efforts to smother the flaming dress. Her two sons carried their mother out and rolled her in a snowbank. This extinguished the flames, but not before Mrs. Neyhart had received terrible burns extending from her waist to her feet.

Members of Mrs. Neyhart's family had just finished their evening meal and were all gathered in the sitting room of the home when the accident occurred. Mrs. Neyhart was standing with her back to the stove, talking with others in the room. The barrel of the stove was redhot and the aged woman must have brushed against it with the light cotton skirt which she wore, for suddenly the dress caught fire. Before the others realized what had happened the skirt blazed up and Mrs. Neyhart was wrapped in flames.

All sprang to her rescue. The two men seized their screaming mother and carried her out the back door into the yard. The snow had been banked at one end and the two men threw their mother into the bank, rolling her in the snow and beating at the fire with their bare hands.

Others came to help, and when the fire had been put out, Mrs. Neyhart, moaning with pain and half unconscious, was carried back into the house and Dr. Hitchcock was called.

The physician worked over the aged woman several hours before he succeeded in reducing the burns, which covered both her legs. Because of Mrs. Neyhart's advanced age and enfeebled condition, her recovery is doubtful.

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BURNS PROVED FATAL
Because of Advanced Age of the Victim, Mrs. Neyhart

Mrs. Catherine Neyhart, who was so badly burned at the home of the late Mrs. Nathaniel Choate, No. 42 Clark street, Monday afternoon, January 23 last, died last evening at 7:40 from the injuries and shock. The deceased was unable to make recovery from the injuries because of her advanced age, and gradually succumbed. Mrs. Neyhart was the widow of Joseph Neyhart, who for many years was engaged in the flour business in this city. She was born near Lake Ridge, Tompkins county, and for more than 65 years she had been a resident of the city of Auburn. A number of nephews and nieces survive, living in Cayuga, Tompkins and Oswego counties, among whom are Mrs. Sherman of Levanna, Mrs. Austin of Union Springs, William Chase of Owasco and Fred Fenner. Elias Aber and Mrs. H. B. Smith of Auburn. The funeral will be held from the residence of Mrs. H. B. Smith, niece, No. 23½ Court street, Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Burial will be made in Fort Hill cemetery

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Funeral of Mrs. Neyhart

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Fenner Neyhart was held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of her niece, Mrs. H. B. Smith, 23½ Court street. Rev. Arnold S. Yantis, pastor of the First Universalist church officiated. The bearers were Fred H. Wiggins, Thomas Wiley, James W. Mullen and William I. Ferry. The remains were placed in the receiving vault in Fort Hill cemetery where later they will be interred in the family plot.

Besides the other relatives mentioned at the time of Mrs. Neyhart's death, a nephew, Edwin R. Chase of this city survives her.

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