

MOTHER ABSENT; BABY BURNED.

Little Brother of Mary Baker Is Believed to Have Set Her Afire.

Mrs. Mary Baker's absence of twenty minutes from her home, at 532 West One Hundred and Twelfth Street, yesterday afternoon cost the life of her nine-months-old daughter, Mary, who was burned to death while strapped in a baby carriage in the kitchen of the house.

Mrs. Baker had been gone only five minutes when her four-year-old son, Thomas, ran out into the street, crying: "Baby's on fire!" A passer-by turned in an alarm and Engine 47, stationed one block away, quickly arrived. The firemen found the whole kitchen of the house ablaze. The wheels were all that remained of the baby carriage and the little body was burned to a crisp. Soon Mrs. Baker rushed into the house, shrieking for her child, and would have gone into the blazing room had not some of the firemen held her back. The woman caught a glimpse of the body, however, and fainted.

The boy, Thomas, could tell nothing as to how the fire had started. It is believed, however, that the boy had been playing with matches and accidentally set the baby's clothing on fire. The damage to the house was \$200.