

Susan Crockett

(- 22 Jul 1878)

Crockett. On Monday, July 22, 1878 at 4:45 o'clock after a short illness, Mrs. Susan Crockett, in the 79th year of her age. The funeral will take place from the residence of her son-in-law, Charles S. Ford, No. 829, 7th street n.w. on Wednesday, July 24 at 4 p.m. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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Who Is She?

A Lady Takes Laudanum on a Railroad Train, and is Supposed to be Dying

Yesterday afternoon an elderly white woman was brought into the city from Benning's station, on the B and P railroad, very ill from an overdose of laudanum. It appears that she left this city in train No. 15, at 6:55 o'clock p.m., and directly after passing through the tunnel Capt. Wilson Miller, the conductor, called for tickets when he discovered her leaning forward in the seat, and there was a strong smell of laudanum about her. He attempted to arouse her, but failed, and then some of the passengers remembered that when they were passing through the tunnel they heard something strike the window. A search was made, and on the floor was found a phial labeled "Laudanum--Poison." In her hand was found a ticket to Wilson's station about eight miles from this city. When the train reached Benning's she was removed from the train, and Captain Miller dispatched a messenger for a physician, and left her in the care of the railroad agent at that station. Dr. Dean responded, and did all in his power to revive her, but she continued to grow worse. In the afternoon, in response to a telegram, Mr. J.K. Sharp, of the railroad company, and Officer Connell, with an engine and car, went to Benning's, and she was brought into the city. She was carried to Providence Hospital, and today was reported to be very low, with but little hope of her recovery. She was neatly dressed and appears to be about 60 or 65 years of age, but up to this afternoon neither the railroad officials nor the police have been able to ascertain who she is or where she is from. She had about her person no papers, initials or other clue to her name or address.

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The Lady Who Took Laudanum on a Railroad Train

The lady who was found unconscious on the 6:55 train (B & P railroad) to Baltimore on Friday, as stated in Saturday's Star, was subsequently identified as Mrs. Sarah Crocker, who lives with her son-in-law, Chas. S. Ford, and two daughters, at 829 7th street northwest. They knew nothing of her condition till they read it in the papers, and they then took her from the hospital and placed her under the care of Dr. Sotheron, who is the family physician, and says that she has been insane for some three months, her mania being the idea that she was starving. Last night no hopes were entertained of saving her life; severe hemorrhages had set in, and she was sinking rapidly. Mr. Chas. L. Ford states that the officials at Police Headquarters were notified to look out for an aged lady, who had wandered from home at 10 o'clock Friday morning, and they were furnished with the necessary description; that he was informed at 7 o'clock that evening that nothing had been heard in regard to the case, and from a newspaper next morning he learned that a lady had attempted suicide on a train, and had been placed in the Providence hospital by the police; and that she would have remained there and perhaps would have died there without the knowledge of her family if it had not been for the accident of discovering it in the paper. He

asks Major Morgan to investigate it. Sanitary Officer Connell claims that he was quite prostrated by the heat on his return from Benning's, which prevented him from ascertaining more of the case.