

## Minerva Kerper

( – 9 Feb 1909)

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**Kerper.** On Tuesday, February 9, 1909, at the Casualty Hospital, at 7:15 a.m., Mrs. Mary Minerva Kerper, beloved wife of Charles N. Kerper, in her sixty-fifth year. Funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday from 1205 G street northeast. Interment private.

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### **Match Fired Her Nightgown**

#### **Aged Woman Badly Burned in Her Home**

Mrs. Minerva Kerper, 65 years old, fo 1205 G street northeast, is in a serious condition at the Casualty Hospital, suffering from burns around the body and head, which she received as a result of a blaze communicating to her clothing in her home about 3 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Kerper, who had been asleep on a couch in a room on the first floor, arose early this morning for the purpose of preparing breakfast for her son. She struck a match on the side of the couch, and in doing so sparks ignited her nightgown, and in an instant she was a mass of flames. She tried to extinguish the blaze and called for help. Dr. Charles H. Kerper and C.W. Pagett, who were asleep in an upstairs room, ran to her assistance. They succeeded in putting out the flames, but not before she had received severe burns. The room caught fire, and before the flames were extinguished by occupants of the house about \$50 damage had resulted.

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### **Dies From Her Burns**

#### **Death of Mrs. Minerva Kerper a Casualty Hospital**

Mrs. Minerva Kerper, sixty-five years of age, died about 7 o'clock this morning at the Casualty Hospital of burns which she received in her home early yesterday morning.

Mrs. Kerper was preparing breakfast in the dining room of her home, 1205 G street northeast, when her gown caught fire from sparks of a match which she had struck against the side of a couch. She was found to have been badly burned about the head and body, and was removed to the hospital in he ambulance, where she died, as stated.