

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

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Died of a Broken Heart.

ABOUT a year ago Ossian Aldrich, an employee in the United States Signal Service, while on duty in this city, became acquainted with the family of William Hooper, of No. 148 West Tenth Street. William Hooper who is a prosperous butcher in the Jefferson Market, had a daughter Julia, who is nineteen years old and prettier than it is the general lot of girls to be. Soon after meeting Julia Hooper Aldrich's attentions became very marked, much to the annoyance of the girl's parents. All remonstrances were in vain, however, for in April last Aldrich and Julia Hooper were married by the Rev. Robert Kidd. About three weeks after the marriage Aldrich went to Washington and soon after the young wife followed him. Only a month was spent there, when the girl returned to her parents. A few days later, Mrs. William Hooper says, a letter from Aldrich announced that he had been ordered to go on an Arctic expedition. Mrs. Hooper, fearing that all was not right, advised her daughter to go to Washington at once, which she did. There, it is said, the girl heard that Aldrich was already married, but this Aldrich stoutly denies. But, at any rate, Aldrich had left Washington, not for the Arctic regions, but for Mobile.

The girl followed him to Mobile, not believing in what she had heard in Washington. According to the story subsequently told by the girl, but denied by Aldrich, he treated her with great cruelty after she had told him that she had represented herself as his wife in the Signal Office in Washington, and compelled her to swear to a written statement that she had never been married to Aldrich. This she is said to have said she did to prevent Aldrich from being prosecuted for bigamy. At any rate the girl became ill in Mobile and was sent to Cincinnati, where after ten days' illness she died. Dr. I. T. Knox, of Cincinnati, one of the attending physicians, certified that she died "of nervous exhaustion, superinduced by extreme mental anxiety and grief." The other doctor in attendance said simply that the girl "died of a broken heart."

William Hooper sent to Cincinnati for his daughter's remains, and they were brought to this city. Yesterday afternoon they were buried in Greenwood, her mother and brothers, with a very few friends, being the only participants in the last sad act of this domestic tragedy.—*New York World.*

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A little daughter in the home of Fred. Smith.

Last New Years morning, little Bessie Holbrook died very suddenly. As Mr. Kynast, the undertaker was laying her out, he remarked to the attending physician, "that the little one looked as though she had died with that dread disease—scarlet fever." But Doctor Moore said she did not have scarlet fever. In a few days their other little child, aged nine months was taken sick. Dr. Moore pronounced the child's disease to be mumps and teething, although the little one was broken out in a fine rash, and its throat and mouth was white. Still, when the Doctor was questioned by those that were there, if it was not the scarlet fever, he would say no. In four days the little one died. It was then the board of health began to look into the matter, for the day the second child was buried, Mr. Holbrook broke out with the scarlet fever. They have now changed physicians, Dr. Avery at present attending them, and every precaution is used to prevent the disease from spreading, although quite a number went there while the children were sick.