

PET DOG'S ATTACK KILLED ITS MISTRESS

Woman Had an Epileptic Fit and Fell to the Floor.

Animal Immediately Sprang at Her
Throat and When It Was Forced
Off She Was Dead.

Mrs. Carrie Cabus, the wife of a retired carriage manufacturer, living on the second floor of the flathouse 352 West Eighteenth Street, went into the kitchen of their apartment last evening.

"Here, Tige," she called to the dog of the household.

The animal, a cross between a fox terrier and a bulldog, followed her.

Mrs. Cabus gathered together some scraps from the evening meal, and, putting them on a plate, stooped to the floor. The dog attacked them greedily. Mrs. Cabus is subject to epileptic fits. The lowering of her head to the floor made her unsteady for a moment. Then she toppled over on the floor, lying there at full length.

In a moment the dog sprang at her and sank its teeth in her throat. The woman in her condition was unable to make an articulate sound, though those in adjoining apartments heard moans and sounds.

Mrs. Elizabeth Broadhead, her mother, heard the sounds after a few moments from her chair in the front room of the flat.

"I think it's Carrie," she said excitedly to her brother Philip Rockefeller, who was with her.

Mrs. Broadhead ran into the kitchen and stopped still. Then with a cry she threw herself upon the dog. While the animal did not attack her, yet it clung to her daughter's throat. Mrs. Broadhead thrust her hand into the dog's mouth and then exerted all her powers to tear the animal away. There was a sharp struggle, however, before the dog's jaws relaxed.

The animal was allowed to sink from the apartment during the mother and uncle's efforts to restore to consciousness the woman still breathing on the floor.

Some one had hurried Dr. Henry J. Fisher of 345 West Eighteenth Street to the scene. He found Mrs. Cabus dead.

The affair was reported to the West Twentieth Street Station, where Policeman Peter F. Reid told Sergt. Gilmartin that the dog's bites had severed the woman's jugular vein, which was the direct cause of death.

Sergt. Corbett of the Twentieth Street Station said he was with Reid when the affair was investigated.

"There were ten wounds or more in the woman's neck made by the dog's teeth," he declared. "Dr. Fischer stated to me that the woman's jugular vein was severed by the dog, though he said that the quickness of death tended to prove that it was due to other causes, strangulation, perhaps, due to apoplexy or an epileptic fit. He admitted, though, that the severance of the jugular must have been a factor in the death."

Joseph Cabus, the woman's husband, denied that the dog had killed his wife. Apoplexy was the cause, he said. For six months Mrs. Cabus had been having epileptic fits occasionally.

"The dog comes of stock owned by the late Samuel J. Tilden," said he, "and his mate is owned by Judge Foster. The dog attacked my wife, but made only a small wound such as couldn't cause death."

"Mr. Cabus was not at home at the time of the attack. Coroner Hart has seen the body, and no autopsy or inquest will be held."

Dr. Fischer denied that he had told the policeman that the dog's attack had killed the woman.

"It was due undoubtedly to apoplexy or a fit, the strangulation resulting therefrom. So sudden a wound could not have done it."