

DEAD OR ALIVE ?

A Question Which the Doctors Have Decide.

The INTELLIGENCER yesterday recorded the sudden death of Miss Mary Merrill, (aged 23, not 13, as stated) who was reported to have been found dead in bed in her father's house, and was supposed to have died from convulsions. By direction of the County Attorney, Dr. Willson held an inquest in the evening, and, the Coroner and Dr. Curlett having viewed the body, and testified that death had resulted from convulsions, a verdict to that effect was returned.

This morning a report spread—where originating could not be learned—that the young lady was not dead, but in a trance, and that though apparently not breathing, her heart beat very faintly. The body is said to have presented so life-like an appearance that, despite the medical testimony given at the inquest, the parents resolved to have a further examination made, to determine whether or not their hopes had any ground. Drs. Tracy, Ridley and Allan were accordingly called in, and at about 1 o'clock this afternoon commenced their examination with the object of determining the question which heads this narrative. A representative of this journal visited Mr. Merrill's residence, which is a short distance north of the railway bridge on North Front Street, at a few minutes after 1 o'clock, but was refused admittance to the house and could get no further information than that the doctors were then engaged in their task and that the indications were hopeful.

The medical men concluded their examination at about 2:30, and Drs. Ridley and Tracy stated that beyond doubt death had ensued. The case, however, presented some interesting and unusual features, and they used every means to restore animation, but without success.

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