

**WIFE DROPPED DEAD  
WHILE HUSBAND SLEPT**

**James Jamison's Rude Awakening from an Early Morning Slumber.**

**BABY CRIED FOR ITS MOTHER**

**Went Downstairs to Sew on a Button and Was Discovered Cold in Death—A Sad Case in a Downtown Home.**

To be awakened in the dead of night by a baby's cry, to find his wife missing from his side, and then, upon going to look for her, to find her body cold in death lying on the kitchen floor, was the experience of James Jamison, an employe of the American Dredging Company, living at 205 Line street, early this morning.

Jamison's family consisted of himself, his wife, Thula, and their baby boy but a few months old. Last night, after supper, Jamison said he would go to bed early, and about 8 o'clock went upstairs. His wife accompanied him, but did not retire, saying that after she had put the baby to sleep she would sew a button on her coat. The husband saw her tuck the child into bed, heard her sing it a lullaby until it was safe in the land of nod, watched her as she kissed it before going down stairs and then, as her form disappeared through the doorway, turned over and fell asleep. That was the last he saw of her alive.

A few hours later Jamison was awakened by the voice of his child, and, turning over to ask his wife what was the matter with it, found that but for himself the bed was empty. Getting out of bed, and glancing at his watch he saw that it was after 12 o'clock, and thinking that his wife was still downstairs, he went to the door and called her name. No answer came back and the husband, now thoroughly alarmed, rushed down stairs and through the back room to the kitchen, where a light was burning. There he saw why his wife did not answer. Lying on the floor, with her arms outstretched and with the coat that she had been sewing still clutched in one hand, was the dead body of his wife that but a few hours before had left him in perfect health and happiness. The shock staggered Jamison at first but recovering himself he called Policeman Stove, who was passing, and Coroner Bushey was called to determine the cause of the sudden death. He found it to be heart disease, but one of the saddest cases in his experience. Mrs. Jamison was but twenty-two years old and had never complained of heart trouble.



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