

## BULLDOG ATTACKS CHILD.

Injuries Inflicted on Little Mary Kelly  
May Prove Fatal—Her Brother and  
a Rescuer Vainly Attempt to  
Open the Animal's Jaws.

PORT CHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Mary Kelly, five years of age, was mangled by a bulldog belonging to her brother this morning. It is feared that her injuries may prove fatal.

The little girl and her brother John, who is ten years of age, were playing together in the house. There was no one else at home. The bulldog attempted to join in the romping of the children. While Mary was standing on a chair the dog leaped up at her in play. She hit him, and he sprang at her, growling. John seized the dog, but the powerful animal jerked the boy from his feet and dragged him against the chair, which toppled over, and the little girl, the boy, and the dog landed in a heap.

The dog still disregarded the boy, and attacked the original object of his anger. He snapped several times at the child's head and face, and each time sank his teeth into her flesh. John still fought him, beating him with a poker and a chair, but the animal became only the more vicious. He sank his teeth in the girl's shoulder, and after swinging her about for a minute or two, lay down and held on. The child screamed in terror, and struggled vainly to get loose.

The boy ran out and called for help. Richard Elmore, who lives close by, responded. His first effort was to pull the dog's jaws apart, but he was unable even to start them.

Next he tried to rescue the child by beating the dog with a poker heated till it glowed. The animal never moved. Then hot water was thrown on the animal's back till he was scalded, but he would not let go.

Finally, in despair almost, the man got an axe, and at the risk of hitting the child he wounded the dog in such a manner that he was paralyzed and his jaws fell apart. Then he killed him.

The little girl was by this time unconscious. She was hurried to the hospital, where her injuries were treated and dressed. The doctors think that loss of blood and shock may cause her death. They do not think there is danger of rabies, but if the child rallies and becomes sufficiently strong she will be treated with serum to avoid all danger from that source. If she lives she will be scarred and perhaps maimed, as the bone in the shoulder was shattered by the pressure of the dog's jaws.

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