

## **Mrs. Elizabeth Martin**

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### SHOCKING BURNING ACCIDENT

Elizabeth Martin, a middle-aged married woman with a large family, residing at Rushworth with her husband, Henry Martin, met with a terrible accident at her home on Tuesday morning last.

She was engaged in making some tea to be poured into bottles and taken by her husband to his work in the forest, and to boil the water more rapidly she threw a few more handfuls of leaves and other inflammable material on the fire. Then she turned her back to the fire for a moment or two, and the flames, coming in contact with a flimsy voile dress she was wearing, caught the fabric, and the unfortunate woman was on fire in an instant.

She screamed for help, and her two daughters, who were in bed, came to her assistance and extinguished the flames by throwing water over her. By this time, however, she had been frightfully burned about the back and shoulders.

Her husband, who had made preparations for his journey to work, came on the scene and this juncture and saw that his wife had been badly burned. He sent for medical assistance, and Dr. Utber, on arrival, did all in his power for the sufferer.

On Wednesday morning she was conveyed to the Mooroopna hospital. Her condition is regarded as critical.

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As a result of the dreadful injuries which she received in the burning accident at Rushworth, reported in our last issue, Elizabeth Martin, wife of Henry Martin, passed away at the Mooroopna Hospital on Tuesday morning last.

The poor woman was burned very badly, and the shock to her system must have been great.

She leaves a husband and eight children to mourn their loss.

The remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the funeral cortege comprising a large number of friends and sympathisers.