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An Insane Mother's Orimes.
In the village of Harmony, a suburb of Middletown, Monmoth county, N. Smith, wife of J. M. Smith, a farmer in a fit of insanity attacked her fou children with an ax, killing one and injuring the others so badly that there
is little hope of their recovery. Ever ince the birth of her second ehild bout thirteen years ago, Mrs. Smith
has sufferd ocoasionally with deep fite of melanoholia. At that time her disorder Was so marked that she attempted to
kill hereilf, sad was placed temporarlly in the Inane Aylum about six mooths ago she had an attack of malsria. She was run down also from overTork. Added to this she was oppressd with a conslant fear that the interes of a morigose on the house, which i
the ald faroily homenteod, woold not be paid, and that her meven young ehildren would become homeles.
Daring Thurnday night Mrs. Smith became very unenas, and getting out or repeating over and over agnin: "I am lost I I am lont!" Her husband finally persuaded her to get into bed again and she apparently went to sleep. A 5 o'look in the morning both Mr. an
Mrs. Smith got up as usual, and in thort time,as his wife appeared calmer Mr. Smith went about some work noi ar from his home. Mra. Smith then rent into tha yard, picked up an ax and carried it up-tatairs, Her 4 -yearoom at the ring of the head of the stairs. The frenzied mother brought down the edge of the ax on the littl
one's head and braired her. She nex

## . <br> went into the room of her 13 -year-old son Rufus, who was also asleop, and struck him on the left side of the head truek him on the left side of the hend three times, , lying it opee so that the rains protruded. In the next room brains protruded. In the next room her two danghters, Bessie, 11 years old, lopt. Bessie had been awakened by slept. Bessie had been awakened by the sereams of of bed had seen her mother strike Rufus the last time. The poor child ran back to her bed, Rufus the last time, The poor child ran bek to her bed and kneeling down by its aide began to pray. In this pos- tur  who, deppite her piteous cries for mercy attaced her. Mrs. Smith then went to Alidn's bedside and struck her six or Alidn's bedside and struck her six or seven times. The child evidently put up one arm to ward off the blow up one arm to ward off the blows, and received a fearful cut neross her four

 received a fearful cut ncroass her fourfingers. Then putting out the other
arm received another blow which neariy severed her hand at the wrist. On
of her yees was eatirely eut out and
her skull was fractured.
Beyond Beyond the children's rooms, in a
small room in the end of the house, the
eldest daughter, Fannie, 18 years old slept with her litile two year old sister
Nancy. Fannie was awakened by the out and threw her whole weight againat
the door just as her mother was pushing it open. After a fearfal strugg| ${ }^{\text {e }}$ Fannie succeeded in hooking the door
When Betty Beldo, the old colored ser
vant, who was prepuring breakf vant, who was prep rring breakfast
down stairs, heard the noise above, she
ran up stairs, but Mra. Smith chased ran up stairs, she ran instantly for Mr.
her down and s.
Smith. He reached the room just Smith. He reachen the room just as
his wife was beginning to batter down
her daughter Fannie's door. As soon as

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