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LITTLE BOY BURNED.

Thomas Baber Catches Afire While in
His Mother's Room Alone.

LINGERED ONLY A FEW HOURS.

The Father Returning from Rich-
mond, Finds the Child Dying—Let-
ter to the Manchester Chairman—
Cattle Inspector's Ruling.

A sad accident occurred near Falling Creek, seven miles from Manchester, yesterday morning, when Thomas Allen, the 3-year-old son of Mr. T. H. Baber, was burned to death in the absence of both of his parents.

The father had gone to Richmond on business, and the mother had only left the house for a few minutes to attend to some domestic duties, when she returned to the chamber in which she left her bright-eyed boy a few moments before, to find him fatally burned. The sad calamity occurred about 9 o'clock, and shortly after noon the little fellow breathed his last. He was left playing in his mother's bedroom in front of an open wood fire, and it is supposed that his clothes first took fire. Every garment was burned from his body, and though he lingered in life for a little more than two hours before death put an end to his sufferings, the body was burned beyond recognition.

The father returned only in time to see his child pass away. The remains will be taken to Buckingham county to-morrow, and be interred in the family burying-ground.

TO APPOINT DELEGATES.