

SCENTED TRAGEDY WHEN STARVED CAT MOANED

Feline Left Alone in a House Put
Up an Awful Howl That Attracted
a Great Crowd

A constantly increasing crowd of men, women and children, careless of wind and rain, stood in front of the house at 700 Blaine street, Camden, yesterday. Occasionally a muffled groan emanated from the tightly-closed windows on the second floor. The crowd stood still with awe and terror and a tragedy was scented.

The door bell was rung furiously but nothing came forth but the sound as though someone was in agony. Volunteers essayed to gain an entrance through the windows, but these were securely fastened. Then came the groans again.

"Someone is being murdered," whispered an awe-struck woman with blanched face. Then it went from one to another until several excited individuals rushed to the City Hall and informed Hall Officer McClong a murder had been committed. He found the house was occupied by a Mrs. Colbeck, who was at Beverly. Officer McClong sent a telephone message to her, but before a reply could be received others besieged the Police Department, declaring a tragedy was being enacted on Blaine street.

City Electrician George Rawle and John Fish procured a long ladder, and while the crowd looked on, climbed in one of the second story windows. They were greeted with a howl and two fiery eyes that made them shiver. Then there was a wailing shriek, as a black cat emerged from the darkness.

The cat was nearly starved to death and it was her groans that had aroused the neighborhood since Wednesday. The two men held up the woe-begone feline and the crowd cheered.