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Mrs. Peter Gorthy and children had a close call from asphyxiation from coal gas Tuesday night, and were it not for the fact that the children were awakened by inhaling the fumes and the assistance of Tom Robertson, who has a room there, we might have a different story to relate. The older children, who were sleeping up stairs, were the first to awaken and they called their mother, who occupied the bed room downstairs with the baby. She got up and lit a lamp and was going upstairs to assist the children and before she reached the stairway she was overcome by the fumes and fell to the floor. She still retained presence of mind enough to instruct Raymond to call Mr. Robertson. This he did and when Mr. Robertson opened his door Raymond was lying on the floor, unable to arise. The situation dawned on Mr. Robertson instantly and he hurriedly opened all the doors and windows, and then used his efforts in reviving the affected ones. They soon regained full consciousness again, but were quite sick for a while after. It is believed the stillness of the night and the heavy mist did not give the prevented the smoke and gas from escaping through the chimney. Mr. Gorthy was out on the farm at the time but came home in the morning when informed of what had happened. It was a close call and the family is thanking their lucky stars it was no worse.