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Biaford people were shocked Saturday morning to learn of the near-death of J. D. Reid, from poisoning. Mr. Reid had been in ill health the previous evening and through the night. Early Saturday morning he arose to take a dose of medicine and by mistake secured a small bottle of chloroform and drank the entire contents, less than two ounces. He was seized with such severe pain that it was impossible for him to make an outcry, but by knocking on the floor the attention of Mrs. Lydia Boeckman was attracted, who called Dr. Truscott. The doctor administered all possible aid and then called Dr. Brimi, of Cooperstown in consultation. For a few days his life was hanging in the balance but has since rallied to that at present he is able to sit up and take nourishment. The chloroform had been used for cleaning purposes and had been in the house for months.

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