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A Fierce Fight With A Bulldog

The Animal Attacks A Child, And Is Finally Driven Away By A Courageous Woman.

New-Brunswick, Nov. 20 (Special).—James Waker, five years old, was frightfully bitten and lacerated by a bulldog in this city today.

Young Waker went to visit his aunt, Mrs. Henry Waker, who lives in Paterson St. near George St. He went around the corner into an alley. Opening the gate into William Robinson's yard, he ran in search of a little playmate. As he entered the yard a large white bulldog, belonging to George Oliver, broke its chain and springing at the little boy, knocked him down. The boy's screams of terror were heard by Mrs. Robinson, who was in the house, and she ran into the yard and placed herself between the dog and boy. The savage brute sprang on her, knocked her down, and without molesting her, turned on the boy again. The child's hands and head were torn again and again by the dog's teeth.

A number of men, whose attention had been attracted by the boy's cried, stood looking over the fence, without making any effort to rescue the little fellow, beyond poking at the dog with umbrellas and canes. Rising to her feet, Mrs. Robinson caught the dog by the neck and dragged it away from the boy, just as Edward Gordon came running up and pinned the dog to the ground with a pitchfork. Then several men, armed with pistols, ended the dog's career by firing eighteen bullets into its body.

Covered with blood, young Waker was carried [inside] into a neighbor's house. Drs. D. C. English and S. V. D. Clark were called. They found that the boy's scalp was frightfully torn and his hands also badly cut. The doctors believe that the child will live. The dog was a valuable one, and had never before shown any signs of viciousness.

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Dog's Victim Likely To Die

New-Brunswick, Nov. 20 (Special).—The condition of James H. Waker, the five-year-old boy who on Wednesday was bitten by a bulldog in this city, was worse today, and this evening he was not expected to live. He suffers from shock and high fever.

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