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Fire Chief Tells About Right Way to Use Coal Oil

"People will never learn how to use coal oil in starting fires. If they must use it, there is a way to do so and avoid the terrible consequences which usually follow the application to the fire to start it," said Chief of the Fire Department Pat Bradford, yesterday morning. "A person who wants to use coal oil should have a small can or shovel handy and pour the liquid into that, remove the coal oil can from the room and then pour the oil in the can on the fire. There will be no explosion and the fire will be quickly started.

"It is not the oil which is to blame for the many accidents from its use. It is the way it is used and the carelessness of people which causes all these accidents. A person takes the coal oil can, pours the oil on the fire. It is quickly ignited, springs up in a big flame, spreads to the can, ignites it, inside and out, causes an explosion which covers the person with oil and ignites their clothing. People should never use a can of oil in this manner.

"When a person catches fire, no one seems to know just what to do. They usually try to tear off the clothing from the person afire. This is useless, it simply fans the flames and causes the clothes to burn faster and perhaps spread the fire to the person trying to put it out. Whenever a person is afire the first thing and only thing to do is to grab a blanket or comfort or something of this sort and throw it around them. Wrap them tight and if this does not smother the flames, roll them on the floor or ground in it. This will put the flame out and, though rough, is the only way to save the person's life. Had this been done in the fire of Saturday afternoon in which Mrs. Dixon lost her life, she probably would have been only badly burned and her husband would not have found it necessary to go to the hospital.

"During the past year there have been three women killed and two men horribly injured in fires of this sort and everything possible should be done to put a stop to so dangerous a proceeding as using coal oil in a can to start the fire. Every time we have an opportunity we impress on the people the risk they run in thus starting a fire but it seems like some people will not learn unless they have the experience and then it is too late."

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