

SUSPECTED OF HAVING SMALLPOX

Michael B. Smith of This City
Said to Be Ill With the
Disease at Schenec-
tady.

THOUGHT TO HAVE
CONTRACTED IT HERE

Spent the Christmas Holidays With
His Mother in Avery Avenue—Lat-
ter Had a Dream Which Showed Her
Son in Trouble—She Does Not Be-
lieve Michael Got Smallpox in Syra-
cuse, if He Has It—Health Officer
Moore Says There Is None in the
City.

Michael B. Smith of No. 1150 Avery
avenue, formerly an agent for the Pru-
dential Insurance Company in this city,
is ill in Schenectady and it is believed
he is suffering with the smallpox. It is
thought there he contracted the disease
in Syracuse.

Mr. Smith is about 24 years old, single,
and a son of Mrs. Bridget Smith. He
went to Schenectady two months ago to
work for his brother James. A day or
two before Christmas he came home to
spend the holidays. He visited at the
home of his mother and with a sister,
Mrs. Martin Savage, in South Geddes
street.

Mrs. Smith says her son was not feel-
ing very well the day before New Year's.
The family went to dinner at the home of
Mrs. Savage that day and ate very little.
He complained of having the grip and
he consulted a physician. Mrs. Smith
says the physician gave him some medi-
cine, but he would not take it, fearing
it might throw him into a fever.

Returned to Schenectady.

A day or two after New Year's Mr.
Smith went back to Schenectady. He
told his mother the illness had passed
away and he bore no semblance of hav-
ing any serious illness.

Mrs. Smith knew nothing definite about
her son's illness until shown a dispatch
from Schenectady last night. She said
she had been expecting to hear some seri-
ous news all day, claiming to have had
some sort of premonition that it was
coming.

A night or two ago, Mrs. Smith said,
she had a dream. It was complicated,
but she was able to make out that her
son was concerned. He appeared to be
shovelling dirt, she said, and the fact
that she dreamed of dirt several times
before, and each time she received some
unwelcome news a day or two after-
ward, set her to thinking.

Rash on His Face.

She spoke about the dream to her son
James. He laughed it off. Wednesday
James received a letter from Schenec-
tady which his mother says he would not
show her. He told her, however, that
Michael was not feeling very well and
that some kind of rash had broken out on
his face.

Mrs. Smith did not know positively last
night but that James had gone to
Schenectady, he having failed to return
home up to late in the evening. Mrs.
Smith scoffed at the idea that Michael
could have contracted smallpox in this
city, if he is really suffering from that
disease.

Health Officer E. S. Moore, when ques-
tioned last night, said he was positive
the young man had not contracted the
disease here. There have been no small-
pox cases in Syracuse lately nor any
suspicious cases bearing symptoms of
smallpox, he said.