

MICHAEL B. SMITH.

Syracusan Among Those Stricken
With Smallpox in Schenectady.

The smallpox epidemic which is raging in Schenectady has claimed a Syracusan among the afflicted. He is Michael B. Smith and his home is at No. 1,120 Avery avenue. His mother, brother and sister live here. Mr. Smith has been working in Schenectady for his brother, James H. Smith, who is a real estate dealer with an office in the Wieting block.

Because of the number of persons Mr. Smith came in contact with in Schenectady before he was forced to take to his bed with the dread disease, the health authorities of Schenectady have issued two orders. The



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Although not feeling very well, Mr. Smith came to Syracuse the day before Christmas to spend the holidays. He said that he had had the grip and had not fully recovered. On New Years day he went to his sister's house in South Geddes street with the rest of the family, but was so ill that he could not eat, and he remained there two days before he was able to go back to his mother's house. On last Friday, a week ago to-day, Mr. Smith went back to Schenectady, being somewhat better. Mrs. Smith says that she then had a premonition of impending trouble of some kind, and asked him not to go back because he might catch smallpox. He laughed at her fears and said that he was not afraid of smallpox.

On Wednesday James received a letter from his brother, but he did not show it to his mother, as he usually does. She asked him how Michael was, but he evaded her question. He finally said that Michael was all right, but that some kind of a rash had broken out on his face. James appeared somewhat worried and anxiously inquired yesterday morning if another letter had come. James did not return home last evening as usual, and this morning Mrs. Smith told a Herald reporter that she did not know what to think of his absence. She did not know whether he had gone to Schenectady or was somewhere else. Her unmarried daughter is now visiting in Baldwinville.