

WOMAN NEAR TRAGIC DEATH

**Swallowed Poison, But Prompt
Work Saves Life---Mistook
Drug for Medicine.**

Palermo, N. D., Jan. 28.—Last Friday morning social Palermo was thrown into intense excitement by what nearly proved a fatal mistake by one of the most respected ladies. Mrs. Hoff thought she was taking a headache tablet, but by mistake swallowed a tablet of bi-chloride of mercury. Mrs. Hoff is the wife of Oscar Hoff, one of Palermo's most popular merchants, and their residence is in the McCann house. On the morning above mentioned, Mrs. Hoff was troubled with headache and seeking to relieve it made the mistake which nearly cost her life. Fortunately she discovered her mistake within a few moments after taking the tablet and lost no time in acquainting Mrs. McCann and her sister Miss McSherry of the fact. These ladies promptly hailed a passing team and the sufferer was driven rapidly to McDowell & Son's drug store where all aid was rendered. In the meantime Dr. Wicks of Blaisdell was phoned for, who on his arrival, as soon as possible, found her out of danger, and that her safety was due to her own presence of mind and the prompt action of the ladies who assisted her to the drug store.

The case proved a stubborn one and for a considerable time no one could say what the result would be, and there was great thankfulness expressed when it became known that the drug had been counteracted. The patient's suffering was great before she obtained relief but by Sunday she was able to be about, without a few reminders of her narrow escape.

Mrs. Hoff is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Feiring of this city. Her friends at Cooperstown will be pleased to hear of her recovery.