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OLD NEGRO MAY DIE.

Bill Skinner an aged negro who has been living on the farm of John Helman six miles south of town was brought to Platte City by County Physician Clark Monday for treatment of a leg which is in a very serious condition as the result of burns received a week or more ago. The man was placed in the little cabin by the hospital. His condition is such that he may die.

It appears that the old man either in a fit or while asleep had his clothes catch fire and burn deep into his flesh. For several days he lay in his house without medical attention, and bad sores resulted.

Skinner is nearly 90 years old, a former slave, and bears the reputation of being a steady, hard working old negro.

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