

## **MISS RAKESTRAW**

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Last evening the blooming eight year old daughter of Wm. Rakestraw sauntered down to Crabbs & Reynolds elevator with a horde of young companions to investigate the mysteries of the machinery and see how close they could come to death without dying. Finally after having been driven away half a dozen times by the men at the elevator they began to fool around the corn conveyor. Miss Rakestraw in order to see the wheels go around climbed upon the platform. She had stood there probably a minute when her dress became caught in the set screw and was slowly but sure being wound up. She yelled like a young Comanche Indian and Ed Arms the engineer, who was standing near by, broke the endless chain and the youngster was saved. She was jammed up against the wall with her heel doubled up against her head and was badly bruised. It was a providential escape as if the machinery had been running at its usual speed she would have been a human pancake in less than no time. As it was Mr. Arms was in the spot he was, only by accident and a few more evolutions only were required to make an angel of Miss Rakestraw. She was taken home and is doing well. She was squeezed for some time and the incident may be the cause of making the elevator a popular resort for swainless girls – kbz

Note: This might be Daisy - anyone know for sure, let me know :)