

RUNYANS -- Arsenic by Mistake ... in the cake ...

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Arsenic Used for Baking Powder With Serious Results. - Waynetown, Ind., March 8. - William Runyan, the well known mail carrier out of this place, and his wife, together with Mrs. Grant Davis and her son, are seriously ill in a hospital at Fairmount, Ill. The Runyan's went to Fairmount yesterday, to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Davis. Mrs. Davis baked a nut cake for dinner, and put arsenic instead of baking powder in the cake. Shortly after eating it, the four people became deathly sick, and medical aid was hurriedly summoned. Others present, who did not eat of the cake, were not taken ill and the physicians made an examination and found that through mistake, Mrs. Davis had used arsenic. Their condition is quite serious. William Runyan is a brother of Walter Runyan, who was the defendant in the celebrated Runyan murder trial, tried in the Montgomery county circuit court in January, 1914.

Thanks to Lena for this unusual one - kz