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AUTOMOBILE BURNS

The fire alarm was sounded at supper time Monday when an automobile turned over in the eastern part of the city and the machine caught fire. Prompt work by the fire department saved the car from burning completely. The car was occupied by Mrs. C. E. Lawhon, Houston, and her son C. E., Jr., and was driven by a colored chauffeur. Mrs. Lawhon and son were on the back seat and it was necessary to cut a hole in the top of the car to remove them from the burning automobile. Five minutes more, and they would have suffocated in the closed car, which was resting on one side.

Mrs. Lawhon received minor injuries and young Lawhon was not injured. The driver was probably thrown out of the car. He was coming along the highway near the East End Filling Station at more than 40 miles per hour and did not notice the curve until he was on it. The car took the curve on two wheels and finally took to the ditch as its velocity would not hold to the road. After being treated, the parties were taken to Elgin that night, where Mrs. Lawhon has a daughter.