

Early Latham Foundation news.

Died on Long Island, Tuesday February 16, 1932.

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Death of Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske, noted actress and humanitarian, who died in Long Island Tuesday, was lamented here today in a resolution unanimously adopted by the board of directors of the Latham Foundation, of which she is a honorary vice-president.



The resolution, forwarded to Harrison Grey Fiske, her husband, hailed Mrs. Fiske as “one of the greatest humanitarians of the century.”

Mrs. Fiske, a personal friend of Miss Edith Latham, president of The Latham Foundation, was well known for her efforts in behalf of humane education, and the general welfare of animals. During her recent visit to Oakland, she appeared on the stage of the Fulton theater, Mrs. Fiske told Miss Latham that her greatest interest in life was to see the abolition of cruelty in all forms of sport, commerce and science.

From Wikipedia -

Minnie Maddern Fiske (December 19, 1865 — February 15, 1932), born as **Marie Augusta Davey**, but often billed simply as **Mrs. Fiske**, was one of the leading [American actresses](#) of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. She also spearheaded the fight against the [Theatrical Syndicate](#) for the sake of artistic freedom. She was widely considered the most important actress on the American stage in the first quarter of the 20th century

She died from [congestive heart failure](#), aged 66, in [Queens, New York](#). She and Harrison had no children. The actress [Emily Stevens](#) (1882–1928) was her cousin, as was Elizabeth Maddern, the first wife of author [Jack London](#); she was also related to stage actress [Merle Maddern](#) (1887–1984)