



## Ivy, 1881

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A woody climbing or trailing plant of the genus *Hedera*, native to the Old World, especially *H. helix*, with lobed evergreen leaves and berrylike black fruit.

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### **History:**

The *Ivy* began life as the 48-ton, 100-foot steam launch *La Belle*, built in 1880. She was purchased for the Lighthouse Service in 1881. The Lighthouse Service christened her the *Ivy*. She served in the 15th Lighthouse District and was based out of St. Louis. She hit a snag and sank in September 1887 but she was raised and repaired. She was totally wrecked and crushed by the steamer *Baton Rouge* while at the dock in St. Louis while she was in winter quarters as a result of ice flows in January, 1888. She was declared to be a total loss and her engines were sold for \$205.

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### **Sources:**

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