

## John Armstrong

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### **A Frightful and Fatal Fall**

About 12 o'clock today, John Armstrong, a laborer employed at the new building in course of construction for the Treasury Bureau of Engraving and Printing, while engaged in assisting one of the engineers in putting up some scaffolding, fell backwards from a platform on which he was standing, a distance of about ten feet, striking his head on a stairway near the wellhole about 55 feet, striking his head on a beam, crushing his skull, breaking an arm and inflicting serious internal injuries. He was picked up unconscious and in a dying condition, and a physician was summoned who pronounced the injuries fatal. He was removed in an ambulance to his house No. 2610 1/2 Pennsylvania avenue, near Rock Creek, where he has a wife and five children living. At last accounts he was breathing, but there are no chances for his recovery or returning consciousness. He is about 45 years old and a respectable and industrious man.