

## John F. Bristow

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### **Death From an Overdose of Chloroform**

John Bristow was found dead in bed yesterday morning at his home, 808 L street northwest. The circumstances indicate that death resulted from an overdose of chloroform. He was a victim of the chloroform fumes. When he retired to bed Sunday night, as his wife noticed the smell of the drug, he told her he would put his head under the pillow. When Mrs. Bristow awoke in the morning she found her husband dead. Bristow was a well-known card writer, having been engaged in that capacity at the Capitol and various hotels. He was arrested a few days ago on the street in a stupefied condition and had a bottle of chloroform in his possession. He said at that time that he wanted to commit suicide as his wife had forsaken him. The charge against him was profanity. Coroner Patterson investigated the case yesterday, and gave a certificate of accidental death.