

Ella Mills

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Sad Accident

On Saturday evening, while a party of little girls were playing on the pavement in front of the shoe store of Mr. John Mills, on Pennsylvania avenue, east of 3d street, a box, in which were encased the shutters of the store window, fell upon little Ella Mills, a child of 12 years, and daughter of Mr. John Mills, and caused a compound fracture of the skull; the box striking upon the right side of the head. A number of physicians were speedily called in, and did all in their power to relieve the miseries of the little sufferer. Dr. N.S. Lincoln was called upon, and performed a surgical operation, taking out a large portion of the skull. Dr. L. pronounced it one of the most serious fractures he had ever seen, yet strange to say, the sufferer, although so young, has fully retained her senses, and recognizes all the members of her family. She is convinced that she must die, and, with an affectionate regard for those she leaves behind, has divided all her trinkets, toys and playthings as remembrances, among her family and friends. She has borne her sufferings with a fortitude that would do much credit to an older person. The family is plunged in the most poignant grief, and it is to be hoped that the physicians; among whom, in addition to Dr. Lincoln, are Drs. Riley, Dove, Young, and Todd, will be able yet to save the life of the sufferer.