

Rudolph Richter

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Sudden Death

This morning, at an early hour, a Prussian named Ernst Rudolph von Richterhoven Adelnau, aged about 45, was found dead in his bed; at his room, in the house of Henry Kuhn, on 9th street east between M and N streets opposite the Navy Yard wall. The deceased, who was usually known as Rudolph Richter, was by profession a horticulturist, and was highly educated man. He was given to drink, however, and used much laudanum. Yesterday afternoon he was out looking for work, and apparently in good health. Being in great want, he is believed to have taken an overdose of laudanum. His two little children, between whom (in bed) he died, represent that they were awakened by his moans about daybreak. When they attracted the attention of the people of the house he was found insensible. A physician was immediately sent for, who, on his arrival, pronounced him dead. The Coroner was summoned this forenoon to hold an inquest over his body.

He leaves three little motherless boys, aged respectively eight, six and four years. The youngest was taken when but five weeks old (at the death of the mother) into the family of the father's employer at that time, by whom he is being brought up as their own. The other two are remarkably fine and interesting children, bright, intelligent, well-mannered and obedient; for, whatever may have been his faults, their father devoted himself to their care with great solicitude. Any respectable party disposed to take either of them into his family as an apprentice to a good trade, or for adoption, can be assisted in so doing by dropping a note at the STAR office, stating their address.

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No Inquest

It was not deemed necessary to hold an inquest over the body of the Prussian named Ernst Rudolph von Richterhoven Adelnau, aged about 45, found dead in his bed, at his room, in the house of Henry Kuhn, on 9th street east, between M and N streets, opposite the Navy Yard wall, whose death was noticed in yesterday's STAR, Dr. Coombe, the physician, giving his opinion that his death was caused by taking an overdose of laudanum.