

Henry Tanner

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Sad Drowning of a Young Man

Henry Tanner, a youth about 17 years old, a native of Switzerland, who came to this country about four years ago, was drowned yesterday while bathing in the Potomac, near those fatal rocks, the Three Sisters, above Georgetown. Young Tanner had been employed by Knight & Bro., patent agents, and was a most estimable young man, very intelligent, and of an amiable disposition, which made him many friends. He had boarded in this city with Mrs. John Baden, (sister of Mrs. Southworth, the well-known novelist) and yesterday visited Prospect Cottage, the home of Mrs. Southworth in Georgetown, in company with Frank Baden the nephew of that lady. They went out to enjoy a bathe in the Potomac and Tanner, who could not swim, got beyond his depth. Young Baden tried to save him, but did not succeed. The body was subsequently recovered and taken to Prospect Cottage, at the request of Mrs. Southworth, where it remained until this morning, when it was removed to the home of the parents of deceased in this city, near the tollgate.