

John A.F. Todschinder (- 13 Aug 1858)

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Suicide

About eight o'clock this morning Mr. J.A.F. Todschinder, a small beer manufacturer on Maryland avenue, Capitol Hill, committed suicide by hanging himself to a beam in the upper story of an old stable in the rear of his premises. When found life was extinct, though he had been absent from his family so short a time that, when discovered, the rope by which he was suspended was severed in the hope that life might be still remaining. The cause of the act is attributable to the worst result of drinking habits, viz: mania-a-potu. Two of the children of the deceased are, as we write this, down the river on a pleasure excursion with the Sabbath School of St. Peters' Church. The deceased was in comfortable circumstances, and owned considerable property.

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The Late Mr. Todschinder.

A friend of Mr. Todschinder whose suicide was announced yesterday in the Star assures us that it was the result of family difficulties and not of mania potu as has been alleged in the newspapers.