

## Charles Wilson

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### **Sudden and Appalling Death**

A young man, named Charles Wilson, employed in the Coast Survey Office, died yesterday suddenly on Thursday morning, under the following painful circumstances. He was married on Wednesday night at Mrs. Little's boarding house. Mr. Wilson went to bed about 11 o'clock, and was found dead by his wife the next morning, when she attempted to awake him. Having taken a mixture on Wednesday evening, consisting of opium and ether, it was believed by many that this draught was the cause of his death. On a full investigation of this distressing case by a coroner's jury, they returned, after hearing the testimony of four eminent physicians and a post mortem examination, the following verdict:

"That the deceased was a man of intemperate habits, and had been, for two weeks previous to his death, constantly under the influence of ardent spirits, and on the night preceding the morning of his death he manifested strong symptoms of delirium tremens, and while in that state, about 10 o'clock at night, he was married and retired to bed about 11 o'clock; that, after he got in bed, he exchanged a few words with his wife, and then fell asleep, and was found dead in his bed on Thursday morning about light; and the jury believe, from the evidence, that the deceased came to his death by congestion of the brain and stomach, produced by the habitual use of intoxicating drinks."