

DYING AT HIS CLUBHOUSE.

AN ACCIDENT BY WHICH SAMUEL W. PATCHEN WAS INSTANTLY KILLED.

Samuel W. Patchen, a prominent resident of Brooklyn and a well known member of the New-York Stock Exchange, met an accidental death about 9 o'clock last night at the Brooklyn Club, in Clinton-street. Mr. Patchen went to the clubhouse early in the evening and ordered a dinner for several guests. During its preparation he sat talking with Senator Pierce, Judge Pratt, and several others in regard to a gentleman whom Mr. Patchen had just proposed for membership. Just before dinner was announced Mr. Patchen left the room and went down stairs to one of the retiring rooms. The door of this room and the door leading to the cellar are side by side, and when Mr. Patchen started to return to his friends he opened the cellar door. He was moving sideways at the time, and before he could draw back he tumbled head foremost down a dozen steps, striking his head and shoulders on the hard cement floor of the cellar.

Cries from the servants in charge of the wash rooms brought half a dozen gentlemen from the parlors, who lifted Mr. Patchen into one of the basement rooms, and laid him on a bed. Drs. McPhail and Gilfillan were immediately summoned, and messengers sent for Mrs. Patchen and the wounded man's brother, Edward F. Patchen, who was at the opera at the Academy of Music. Before the doctors or the relatives arrived Mr. Patchen was dead. His neck had been broken. The dead man weighed over 200 pounds. Coroner Menninger was summoned, and, after holding an autopsy, gave a permit for the burial of the body.

Mr. Patchen was born in Brooklyn about 48 years ago and has always been interested, financially and personally, in the welfare of the city. He was a graduate of the Polytechnic Institute, and was always devoted to college sports. His hobby was baseball, the practice of which he began with the old Excelsior and Star Clubs. His brother Joseph Patchen, now dead, was well known among old ball players. For many years the dead man was associated with his brother Edward F. in the stock brokerage firm of Patchen Brothers, whose office is at No. 50 New-street. He was a member of the Stock Exchange for 20 years, and it was frequently remarked by his fellows in the board that "Sam Patchen's note was worth twice as much as he said it was." The wealth of his firm was considerable, besides which both brothers were heavy holders of Brooklyn real estate. The old Smoky Hollow region was formerly the property of the Patchen family. Mr. Patchen leaves a widow only, who was formerly Miss Coit, a daughter of the old President of the Union National Bank of this city.

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