

STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS.

ABORTION AND DEATH.

THEIR DISCOVERY.

Spencer M. Clark, Superintendent of the printing bureau, of the Treasury, was arrested this morning, charged with the crime of being accessory to the act of abortion.

Many of our readers, no doubt, can recollect a beautiful and attractive young lady, with Auburn hair, somewhat freckled, and dressed in black, who was, it will be remembered, in the habit of promenadeing on the shady side of the avenue during pleasant afternoons, especially if the weather was very fine. Her name was Miss Maggie Davall. She formerly resided in the old frame house next to the Odd Fellows' Hall, which was lately torn down.

From the evidence elicited, it appears that she became the victim of Mr. Clark, and in consequence of which, to hide her shame, which was becoming very apparent, went to Philadelphia, accompanied, it is said, by Knoch Lewis, Assistant Commissioner of Internal Revenue, for the purpose of having the necessary operation performed on her, to produce abortion. From the result of the operation Miss Davall unfortunately died, and the arrest of Mr. Clark, who is charged with the crime took place this morning.

Several witnesses were examined, who proved that Miss Davall had used stringent medicines—thus attempting to take the matter of ridding herself of disgrace in her own hands. Miss Jackson who was examined stated that she had seen her with medicines, and an United States officer stated that he had heard her ask "what was good," presuming it to be her desire to produce abortion, if she could be informed of the remedy to accomplish that purpose.

The case is proceeding to be examined before Justice Clayton, as we go to press.