

## Samuel Clark

( - d. 24 Sep 1862)

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**Clark.** On the 24th instant, of injuries received by an explosion of powder, Samuel, son of Samuel and Josephine Clark, aged 8 years.

Dearest Samuel, thou hast left us  
Here thy loss we deeply feel  
But 'tis God that hast bereft us  
He can all our sorrows heal.

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### **A Fatal Accident**

On Tuesday last three or four boys, not one of whom were over eight years of age, went to the camp east of the Capitol, and were furnished by the soldiers with four cartridges intended for ten pound cannon, and the boys attempted to set them off. The packages not taking fire immediately, two of the boys--Samuel Clark, son of Mr. S.T. Clark, and Harmon Mahlor, son of Mr. H. Mahlor, (both of whom reside on Massachusetts avenue, east of the Capitol)--approached just at the time the cartridges exploded. Both were horribly burnt, Clark having all his clothes burnt off, and so injured that he died the next morning. Mahlor is also so badly injured that his life is despaired of.

This should be a warning to soldiers and others not to give children such a dangerous plaything as powder, and it is certainly reprehensible for parties who have charge of cartridges to allow them to lay around in such a manner as to be easy of access to any one.