

# Mary Allen Ives 1831-1889

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The worst accident that ever occurred on the inclined-plane railways of this city happened today between 12 and 1 o'clock on the Mount Auburn inclined plane which starts at the head of Main-street and rises to a height of between 250 and 300 feet in a space of perhaps 2,000 feet or less. Two cars are employed, one on each track. They are drawn by two steel wire cables that are wound upon a drum at the top of the hill by an engine placed there.

Nine passengers had entered the car at the foot of the plane, and a number were on the other at the top. The passage of the ascending car was all right until it had reached the top, when the engineer found that the machinery would not respond, and that he could not stop the engine. Only one result was possible. The car was arrested by the strong bumper which stops its progress, all its force was expended two cables, and they snapped like wrapping thread under its enormous power. Then the car, with its nine inmates locked within, began the descent of the slope. The crash at the foot of the plane was frightful. A cloud of dust arose that hid the wreck from view for a moment, but when it was dispelled the scene was horrible. The iron gate that formed the lower end of the track on which the car rested was thrown sixty feet down the street. The top of the car was lying almost as far in the gutter. The truck itself and the floor and seats of the car were a shapeless wreck, mingled with the bleeding and mangled bodies of the nine passengers.

Two were taken out dead; one, a middle-aged lady with gray hair was recognized as Mrs. Ives ... Mrs. Ives was the wife of Caleb Ives, Treasurer of the Globe Soap Works, at 35 Water-street, and lived at Riverside. She was on her way to visit her son, Franklin Ives, and his bride, nee Belle Duhme, who were married a few weeks ago. Mrs. Ives was about sixty years old. Her neck was broken. The body was removed to the Morgue.