

FATAL FALL

OTIS BLOODWORTH MEETS WITH A FEARFUL DEATH

By a Fall From the Second Story of
Chamberlin, Johnson & Co's Store to
the Stone Pavement Below—Particu-
lars of the Sad Occurrence.

About 12 o'clock, noon, to-day, Master Otis Bloodworth, a youth about twelve years of age, fell out of a second story window, near the rear of Chamberlin, Johnson & Co's store, on Hunter street, a distance of twenty-five feet. He was picked up in an unconscious state and carried to Dr. Schumann's drug store, where he was attended by Drs. C. A. Stiles, W. F. Westmoreland, Sr., and J. C. Crow.

He was soon removed to the rear of Chamberlin, Johnson & Co's store, where a temporary couch had been arranged for him. The physicians found that he had struck upon his head and side, and that he had been so severely injured internally that he could not possibly survive but a short time. His fall was broken by his coming into contact with two telephone wires; otherwise he would have undoubtedly been killed instantly.

The unfortunate young man was employed as stock boy under Mr. W. F. Dooly, in Chamberlin, Johnson & Co's dress department, and with two other boys, was engaged in washing windows in the dress-fitting room. As he stood upon the stone ledge, rubbing the panes of glass on the outer side, he was in a lively mood, exchanging merry banter with his companions. Two ladies, who were present, cautioned him to be careful, and the words had scarcely left their lips when he fell.

Otis was a young man of high character and rare ability, industrious and energetic, good-natured and high-spirited, and a universal favorite with every one about the establishment. His sad fate will be deeply mourned by all who knew him. He resided at No. 252 Ivy street, and his mother is a widow, who will have the deep sympathy of the entire community. He was a nephew of Litt. J. Bloodworth, chief clerk of the Kimball House.

At 2:30 this afternoon, Otis was still alive, but his breath was momentarily growing shorter and his pulse weaker. He has remained unconscious from the first; his bones are badly broken, and he has continued to bleed at the nose and mouth from internal injuries.

The heartstricken mother, his brother and other relatives surround his dying bed. Business has been suspended at the store, and everyone connected with the establishment is waiting, in sorrowful expectation, the announcement that he has breathed his last.