

Spinal fracture treated

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The interesting Case of Joseph Rampola at the Allentown Hospital.

Joseph Rampola, the Italian, who was injured by a pile of brick and rubbish falling on him while at work at the old Salem Evangelical Church on Linden street, near Tenth, on Monday, has proved a most interesting case to the surgical staff of the Allentown Hospital, whither he was taken shortly after the accident. Dr. Schaffer, in making the examination, found that the Italian's backbone was fractured, an accident which is reported as always resulting in nearly instant death. Dr. Schaeffer took several pieces of splintered bone out of the spinal column and the Italian was not only able to move his limbs after the operation, but hopes are being entertained as to his recovery. The spinal column is fractured at about its centre. Rampola also sustained a fracture at the base of the skull. In spite of these injuries he never lost consciousness.