

Ned Atkins*The Accident on the West Jersey Railroad: A Recitation*

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THE ACCIDENT ON THE WEST JERSEY RAILROAD

A RECITATION.

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On the 11th day of August
An Excursion started out,
Bound for Atlantic City
By the West Jersey route,
They were happy, gay and merry,
And a happy day they spent,
But whilst upon there journey home,
They met with an accident.

When the sad news reached the city,
That some of this merry band
Would never meet their friends again
Except in a better land.
The excitement it was fearful,
That was very plain to see,
And long will it live in memory,
This accident on the West Jersey.

Some jumped in the water,
To escape the scalding shower,
And others did not know what to do
In that exciting hour.
Good Father Quinn was everywhere
In his noble work so grand,
And others just as anxious
To lend a helping hand.

With whom to blame this accident,
The company cannot tell,
But there's One above
Who knows what's best,
And doeth all things well.
In his own good time, we'll find out,
When before his bar we stand,
What it was that caused this accident
On the excursion of St. Ann's.

A. W. AUNER, SONG PUBLISHER & PRINTER, TENTH & RACE

Presumed first edition. 4¾" x 7¾". Slight age-toning, very near fine. 32 line poetry recitation or song sheet commemorating a horrific railroad accident that occurred at Mays Landing on a trip from Camden to Atlantic City, killing 26 and injuring scores of others. *OCLC* locates a single copy, attributing the date to the 1860s, but as the accident occurred on August 11, 1880, we're skeptical of that attribution. [\[BTC#425741\]](#)