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WOMAN AT CORFU HANGED HERSELF

SIXTEEN YEAR OLD BOY FOUND HIS MOTHER STRANGLER IN HER KITCHEN

Mrs. Fred Buckman, Parent of Twelve Sons and Daughters, Despondent Over Her Situation With Seven Small Children, Took a Rope, Wound It Around Her Neck, Sank to the Floor on Her Knees and Died—Sold Her Farm on Monday—Coroner Hummel Summoned

Corfu, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Augusta Buckman, widow of Fred Buckman, took her own life by hanging in the kitchen of her home, 2¼ miles west of this village, at an early hour this morning. Her body was found by her 16-year-old son Frank, her oldest boy at home, when he went down stairs from his bed room at 6:30 o'clock. Coroner Hummel was notified and he viewed the body and will render a verdict of suicide.

Mrs. Buckman had taken a small rope, fastened it to the upper part of a door frame and then had wound the rope around her neck and sank to the floor on her knees. In this position her body was found. When the son made the discovery he ran across the road to C. D. Silliman's and secured help and the body was taken down.

The only cause assigned for the rash act is that Mrs. Buckman was despondent. She left no note, nor did she tell any of her people that she contemplated suicide. Two months ago her son Bert, 19 years old and the mainstay of the family, departed from home, and his mother was left with five boys and two girls, the oldest of whom was 16 years. Two days ago she sold her 96 acre farm to N. A. Brown and received a small payment down. She was to have gone to Batavia today to get the deed and the search to complete the transfer.

Mrs. Buckman was 50 years old and is survived by 12 children, all of whom reside in this vicinity. They are George, Fred, Bert, Frank, Mabel, Clarence, Ella, Edna, Elsie and Augusta Buckman and Mrs. John [Ida J.] Schell and Mrs. Arthur [Dora] Sumner.

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The bearers at the funeral yesterday of Mrs. Augusta Buckman were Frank Judd, John F. Stiles, C. D. Silliman, William Vellacott, Edward Borden and Mrs. Fissler. A quartette consisting of Mrs. John Evans of Charlestown, Mass., Mrs. E. T. Sumner, Dr. Bates and D. A. Schott rendered appropriate music. The Rev. H. [Harry] M. Wright [Universalist] officiated and the interment was in Evergreen Hill cemetery.

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