

[Harrington, Eugene]

DIED OF MENINGITIS
Eugene Harrington Was Not a Suicide
AUTOPSY LAST NIGHT
Performed by Drs. Quin and Crim—
No Traces of Poison in System—
Man Has Been Unconscious For Forty-Five Hours

Drs. Quin and Crim performed an autopsy at Whitten & Rauth's undertaking parlors last night on the body of Eugene Harrington, who died yesterday at the General Hospital, and discovered that death was caused by a severe attack of meningitis. The cause of Harrington's death will be learned with surprise as it was generally assumed from the statements of attending physicians that poison was the cause, but no trace of it could be found in his system.

The man was found unconscious in bed at his home, 176 Whitesboro street, on Thanksgiving morning and remained in that condition until he died. The fact that he had not regained his senses for 48 hours puzzled the physicians somewhat. The symptoms of the case pointed to poisoning and the doctors believed that two or more different poisons were working on his system at the same time. The theory of Harrington being a suicide was further advanced when a small piece of white paper, such as is used for morphine, was found at his home between the mattress and bed springs. However, the paper was closely examined by Coroner Dodd and no trace of any kind of poison could be detected. The physicians did their utmost to restore him to consciousness in order that Coroner Dodd might be able to get a statement.

Acquaintances of Harrington say that he had been despondent for some time and that his mental condition was recently made worse owing to the fact that he lost his job as a night watchman at the Genesee Underwear Company at the corner of Liberty and Washington streets.

Eugene Harrington was born in Newark, Wayne county, New York, in 1842 and lived there for many years. He was in the Civil War and was a member of the 8th New York Cavalry. He also belonged to the Yosburg Post, G.A.R., at Newark. For the past twelve years he has resided in this city. Besides his widow, Mrs. Louisa D. Harrington, he leaves one daughter, Mrs. Skiff of Newark, and one brother, Charles, also of Newark. He also leaves a stepfather and mother, who reside in Oxford.

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Autopsy in the Case of Eugene Harrington

An autopsy which was performed Saturday night by Doctors Crim and Quin in the case of Eugene Harrington of 176 Whitesboro street, who died Saturday morning in the General Hospital, revealed the fact that death was due to acute meningitis, which explained some of his peculiar actions and the long period of coma which preceded his death. The cause of his demise had been erroneously ascribed to morphine poisoning, which, because of his peculiar actions, was believed to have been taken with suicidal intent.

The funeral was held from Whitten & Rauth's undertaking parlors at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The Rev. J. [James] D. Corby [Universalist] was the officiating clergyman. The attendance was large and included several veterans. The interment was made in the soldiers' plot in Forest Hill Cemetery.

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