

## Frances G. Gibson ( - 3 Jan 1891)

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### **A Dose of "Rough On Rats"**

### **Suicide of Mrs. Frances J. Gibson-- Cause, Temporary Insanity**

Mrs. Frances G. Gibson, whose home was at No. 1014 South Capitol street, committed suicide Saturday afternoon by taking a dose of "rough on rats." She was forty-five years old and was the mother of two grown children. Her husband is a lamplighter. Saturday evening about 6 o'clock he returned home after finishing his work and found his wife lying on the floor. She was unconscious and one of her neighbors was making an effort to restore her to consciousness and raise her to her feet. In both efforts the neighbor was unsuccessful, for the poison had taken effect and as Mrs. Gibson weighed nearly 300 pounds she could not be lifted so easily.

When the husband tried to lift his wife the empty box that had contained the poison fell from the folds of her dress. She died within a few minutes after her husband reached her side. The cause of the suicide is supposed to be temporary insanity. Mrs. Gibson had made threats that she would take her life several times and on one occasion she made an unsuccessful attempt to do so by hanging. Coroner Patterson gave a certificate of death and the funeral of the unfortunate woman took place today.