

Lee Gong

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Chinese Funeral

Lee Gong's body was this morning laid to rest for a brief season at Congressional cemetery, it being intended to have it taken up and conveyed to China. The dead man was forty-four years old and was a laundryman. He lived at No. 104 4 1/2 street, where he died of consumption two days ago. His death was kept as quiet as possible, for the reason that it is distasteful to the Chinamen to have a big crowd of curious people at the grave to see them burn incense and the dead man's effects and put baked chicken, rice and wine upon the mound above the dead. The result was that very few people knew of the funeral arrangements, and the crowd of spectators was small. Lee Gong had lived in this city for twelve years, and had been sick about twelve months.