

John Henry Logue

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Died of His Wounds

The Sufferings of the Marine Who Shot Himself at Last Ended

John Henry Logue, the marine who attempted suicide in the Marine barracks some weeks ago, as published in The Star at the time, died at the Naval hospital yesterday from the effects of his wounds. As stated at the time Logue had saved several hundred dollars while in the service, and when his last enlistment expired he intended going into business, but he was robbed of his money. He then took to drinking and wound up his debauch by shooting himself in the head one Sunday morning after he discovered that he had again enlisted. He shot himself with a Winchester rifle, the muzzle of which he put in his mouth. He had tied a string to the trigger and fired the weapon by attaching the string to his foot. Logue was 42 years old.

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A Miserable Marine

A Man's Desperate but, Unsuccessful Attempt to Blow his Head Off

Shortly after the breakfast bell rang at the marine barracks yesterday morning, and most of the marines had entered the mess-room, they were startled by hearing the report of a rifle fired in one of the sleeping rooms. Investigation showed that the shot was fired by one of their comrades, John H. Logue, who had attempted to take his own life. The weapon he used was found on the floor beside him. He had shot himself in the mouth. How he managed to accomplish this with a Springfield rifle, the weapon he had used, was a mystery until the gun was examined by one of the marines, who found a string tied to the trigger and the other end attached to his foot. Although so badly wounded, the sufferer was not unconscious. He was removed to the Naval hospital, where the surgeons found that he was probably fatally wounded. The interior of his mouth was torn in shreds, but the bullet, instead of entering his brain, as he had intended, passed into his neck and lodged near the spinal column. Logue is about 43 years old. He came here a few days ago from Pottstown, Pa., and re-enlisted. He was discharged from the marine corps at Philadelphia about a month ago, and had seen about fifteen years' service. He had saved several hundred dollars, and when his term of enlistment expired he went to New York, intending to go into some business other than carrying a musket for Uncle Sam. While in New York he was robbed of all his money; so he came here and re-enlisted. He had suffered considerably from the effects of a spree and remained in his room Saturday. When his comrades left him in his room yesterday morning he appeared to be sick, but none of them thought of his attempting suicide. He has no relatives in this city.