

## POISON BEFORE PRISON.

A Cincinnati Defaulter Swallows Poison While Being Arrested, and Dies From Its Effects.

The Checkered Career of a Young Man Ends with a Tragic Death.

Christmas eve had just passed away, and the many merry church bells were clanging in the advent of another merry Christmas for all save one, who at that moment was about to give up his life, as he lay upon his cot at the Charity Hospital.

It was not a life taken by a bullet from an other man's pistol or by a thrust from a knife, but a life taken by the victim's own hands to prevent the mortification of being thrown into jail as a common felon.

Around the dying man was a crowd of people, composed of physicians, reporters, policemen, etc. All were intent upon seeing a man die and eagerly watching for the physician's decision to say that he was dead.

"He is dead" at last fell from the doctor's lips, and then the crowd turned and left the hospital.

As their steady tread echoed throughout the hospital, the footstep of the men bearing the stretcher on which rested all that was earthly of Fred C. Voiles were heard as they passed through the arched halls on their way to the morgue, where the death of this man, to all appearance, had been nefariously arranged and tended to afford pecuniary losses from the objections, however reasonable, to their erecting steam-boilers. It will certainly pay our manufacturers to visit the establishments named and examine the new gas machine and its workings, which possess another quality not yet mentioned, that of avoiding increase of insurance rates.

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