

lost his position a Staten Island hotel-keeper made him a present of a bottle of liquor. That night Bob entered the Staten Island ferry-house, where he was well known, with a somewhat unsteady step. The ferry slip was full of ice at the time. A few moments afterward one of the gate men saw Bob fall overboard from the end of the bridge. The alarm was instantly given, and Bob, who was found lying among the cakes of ice, was fished out. The next day he appeared as usual and allowed his friends to joke him about his exploit of the evening before. A good-natured smile was the only answer which he gave to these jests. No one then suspected that when he went overboard he intended to commit suicide. During the following few months Bob made his appearance on the Battery nearly every day. He still told and listened to good stories, and did what he could for his friends, but, as usual, he refrained from spending money. But his intimate acquaintances remembered afterward that he dwelt more frequently than before on the fact that he could not get employment, and as often remarked: "There is money enough for one, but not for two."

One day late in April he brought home a strong piece of cord, which he put away in the presence of his wife. She asked him what it was for. "Oh, it's handy to have in the house. We'll find some use for it," he replied. On the following morning the sky was gloomy and overcast, but Bob's wife expressed a desire to go out. Bob urged her to go, saying that it would do her good. She put on her Sunday finery, and Bob gazed at her with more than usual satisfaction. He examined the shawl, the dress and the hat with as much interest as if he had never seen them before. He rehearsed the price of each article, and said what a bargain it was. Just as she was going out of the door he told her not to hurry back, and then asked her if she was going anywhere in particular.

"Oh, yes," she replied. "You know old Mrs. —, who I told you yesterday was dead? I think I will go to the funeral." Bob gave a start, but she paid no particular attention to this at the time. She returned from the funeral, and, as she entered her home, she found that the window curtains had been pulled down, which made the room quite dark. A feeling of uneasiness crept over her, and she hurried to

the nearest window and raised the curtain. Then she discovered the body of her husband hanging near the door by the cord which he had brought home on the previous day. On the floor was an upturned chair, from which he had evidently taken the fatal step.

An inquest was held and a verdict in accordance with the facts rendered. Bob's numerous acquaintances discussed his character. His many good qualities were thoroughly canvassed, and his weak points were lightly passed over. The public verdict was a favorable one. After the funeral Bob's wife examined his bank book. When she saw the amount to which she was entitled, and when she thought of the remark, which, according to his intimate friends, he had made so frequently during the last few months of his life, she began to realize in what a chivalrous light poor old Boston Bob had viewed the fact, that "there was money enough for one, but not for two."—*New York Times*.

THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.—The Grand Lodge of Ireland has three hundred and eighty-one lodges on its roll, numbered from 1 to 1014, excepting the Grand Masters' Lodge, at the head, without any number. There are seven Regimental Lodges. The largest Province is Antrim, with eighty-seven lodges.

UN-AFFILIATED MASONS.—No un-affiliated Mason of over a year, and no suspended Mason who applies for Masonic relief should be assisted. Let members understand that when they dimitt and do not re-affiliate, or when they neglect to pay their dues and become suspended, that they are not entitled to any of the benefits of Masonry, and then the army of un-affiliates and the hosts of suspended Masons will be largely reduced. There are thousands of dimitted and suspended craftsmen in this jurisdiction, the very large per centage of whom are perfectly able to pay dues. It is unfair to the worthy—to those that pay—that leniency should be shown to unworthy members.—*Illinois Freemason*.