

ACID ENDS MAN'S LIFE

George W. Lucas Tells Mother He Intends to Die.

GOES TO ROOM; TAKES DOSE

Employe of American Ice Company Despondent—Wife Finds Him in Convulsions—Admits Deed and Lapses Into Unconsciousness—Hospital Surgeons Try in Vain to Save Him.

George W. Lucas, 26 years old, employed by the American Ice Company, and who resided with his wife and five children at 1015 Jefferson street, Georgetown, died in Georgetown University Hospital last night at 8:15 o'clock from the effects of drinking two ounces of carbolic acid. Despondency is said to have been the cause of the act.

According to the young man's mother, Mrs. Henry Lucas, who was with her son at the time of his death in the hospital, he came to her house early in the afternoon in a despondent mood, asking her if she had his burial insurance papers. When assured that she had the papers Lucas left his mother, saying he was going home to commit suicide. Mrs. Lucas did not at the time believe he would take his life.

Lucas returned to his home nearby and, going to his room, without saying a word to his wife, lay down on the bed and drank the poison. Convulsions, which attracted the attention of his wife on the lower floor, followed. She hurried to the room and found her husband suffering agony. Lucas told his wife that he had taken the acid with the intention of killing himself, and then lost consciousness.

Left Note to His Sister.

Mrs. Lucas' screams brought neighbors hurriedly to the house. Policeman R. H. Mansfield, of the Seventh precinct, ran to the Lucas home and then summoned the patrol wagon of the Seventh precinct, in which the suffering man was hurried to the hospital. The physicians used treatment known to medical science to counteract the effects of the poison, but without avail. He died without recovering consciousness.

Lucas left a brief note to his sister, Mrs. Edward King, of 1018 Twentyninth street northwest, requesting her to have his funeral conducted from an undertaking establishment, saying that he did not want his funeral to take place from his home. Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of suicide.