

WIFE A SUICIDE ON THE BEDPOST

Mrs. Powell Killed Herself With-
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Camden Constable Awoke to Find His
Wife's Body Cold in Death Hang-
ing by His Side

When Constable Edward Powell, of 603 North Sixth street, Camden, awoke yesterday morning he found his wife hanging from a post of the bed he had been sleeping upon. She had committed suicide within an arm's length of him without disturbing his slumber for a moment. Mrs. Mary Ann Powell was 41 years old, and has been in ill health for several months.

Powell, who was formerly a policeman under ex-Mayor J. Leighton Westcott, awoke at 4.30 o'clock yesterday morning and saw his wife moving about the room. Thinking of nothing wrong he addressed her sleepily and relapsed into slumber. He awoke again with a perception of something wrong. His wife was missing from his side, and looking at his watch he saw it was 6 o'clock. He turned his head in another direction and the horrible sight of his wife, clothed only in her night robe, hanging from the bedpost, met his gaze. She had hanged herself with strips of a sheet. In an instant Powell had seized the body and loosened the noose from her neck. He felt the pulse, but it had ceased beating and the body was cold.

The stricken man hurriedly called assistance and a physician was summoned, who said death had ensued long before the husband awoke. Coroner Robleson viewed the remains, and gave permission for burial. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon.