

SUICIDE IN CLOCK TOWER.

Found Hanging from Spiral Staircase
in New York Life Building.

When Frank Gill, the clock man of the New York Life Insurance Company, entered the tower of the company's building yesterday afternoon, he found the body of a young man dangling from a noose attached to the spiral stairway. The clock is a twelve-day chronometer, and Gill had not visited it for nearly two weeks to wind it.

In the young man's pocket was found a bottle of capsules prescribed "One after each meal" by Dr. C. W. Naulty, Jr., of Perth Amboy, N. J. Dr. Naulty said over the telephone to THE TIMES:

"A young man came into my office on March 5. He said he was Ferd Rueter of Valley Stream, N. Y., and that he was in town to visit his father. I prescribed for him. He appeared to be very much depressed. He said his father was connected with Kellner Brothers, sausage makers, of North Amboy. He appeared to be 19 years old."

The elder Rueter went to the Morgue last night and identified the body as his son's.

On an envelope in the young man's pocket was found this message:

Lots to uncle. Jewelry and amounts from insurance commissions to Pop. Kisses to all.

The envelope also contained this note:

Dear Art: Everything you have done for me sticks like a pin. I feel like a serpent.

Another note, dated "Valley Stream, March 7," read:

Dear Aunt Julia: I am afraid I am losing my mind, and before anything like that should happen to make any trouble I would end it all.
FERD.

The young man appeared to be about 20 years old, was 5 feet 7 inches tall, and weighed 140 pounds. He had a light complexion, blue eyes, wore a blue serge suit, black button patent leather shoes, light cotton underwear, a white shirt with black stripes, a white turndown collar and a light green tie.

Coroner Hellenstein said he had been dead for two days, and gave permission to remove the body to the Morgue. Patrolman Coot of the Elizabeth Street Station then cut the noose about the suicide's neck. It was made of wrapping twine, doubled three times and knotted.

The young man carried a gold watch with a pendant charm of a lion's head with a ruby in its mouth, and a Perth Amboy High School pin, marked with monograms.

A memorandum book on his person showed that he had done a great deal of traveling since the beginning of the year. He carried a number of cards, some of them of persons in this city. None of these who could be found last night recollected him as an acquaintance, but said that they might have met him in a business way.