

OBITUARY

John P. Percival Dead.

The remains of John P. Percival were brought here for burial Wednesday morning. Funeral services were held in the M. E. chapel, Rev. G. W. Smith officiating. Many of our older citizens will remember the deceased. He conducted a photograph gallery over Thomas Shields, Jr.'s clothing store for a number of years. Fourteen years ago this April he left here. He leaves widow and four children, the oldest daughter being married. The other children are quite small. The following taken from Sunday's *Tribune* explains itself:

"A man about fifty years old hired a room in the New England Hotel, in the Bowery, late on Friday night, giving his name as Percival. Yesterday (Saturday) he was found senseless in bed, having been overcome in his sleep by gas which escaped from an open burner in the room. The police thought he had tried to commit suicide, and he was sent to the Chambers Street Hospital as a prisoner, although the ambulance surgeon said there was not much hope that the man would recover. In one of his pockets was an envelope addressed to John P. Percival, in Essex Street, between Ridgewood and Arlington Avenues, Brooklyn. The letter which the envelope had held was missing.

Percival had no money left after paying for his room, and that fact was regarded by the police as another indication that he turned on the gas purposely."

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NAME: John P. Percival

DATE OF DEATH: February 1, 1891