

William H. Parker

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Suicide--At noon today it was discovered that Mr. Wm. H. Parker, of California, who had been a guest at the National Hotel since early in the winter, had committed suicide the night before in his room by taking fifteen grains of morphine, a paper so marked had evidently contained it, and a spoon whitened by contact with morphine being found near him; hair about his mouth showed traces of it. His mind had been unsound evidently for some days. He leaves an interesting and greatly distressed daughter just grown, who was his companion at the National. No cause for this act of "feto de se" is known other than the condition of his evidently disordered mind. An inquest will be held this afternoon.