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A Carpenter's Terrible Death

Chicago, Oct 29.- William Klinkhammer's death was reported to Coroner Hertz this morning, and investigation leaves little doubt that it was caused by hydrophobia. Klinkhammer, who was a carpenter, living at No. 71 Waller street, was on his way to work on the morning of Sept. 11 when a large bulldog rushed upon him. Klinkhammer drew a long case knife from his pocket and a savage fight ensued between the man and the dog. In at least four different places Klinkhammer inflicted deep wounds, while the dog's fangs met each other in four places through the man's legs. At length Klinkhammer made his escape through the sheer exhaustion of the animal from loss of blood.

The poor fellow dragged his mangled limbs to his home, and lay down on what proved to be his deathbed. In one week he had to be removed to the hospital, and remained there until a week ago Monday. During his stay the doctors discovered symptoms of blood poisoning, and wanted to amputate the affected limbs. Klinkhammer obstinately refused to allow this, and was taken back to his home. Within 24 hours the symptoms of the frightful malady which is supposed to have caused his death had increased to an alarming extent. On the second day he raved, and on the third he was a violent and dangerous maniac. When medicine was offered him he spat it at his nurse, and endeavored to jump out of bed and tear her to pieces. If he allowed the spoon between his lips at all he bit it, warping it under his teeth, frothing at the mouth all the while. Death ended his agonies yesterday afternoon, four men being obliged to hold him down in bed.

The owner of the dog is said to be Joseph Viola, of No. 134 West Nineteenth-street. A warrant has been issued for his arrest for keeping a vicious dog. It is said that the dog is still alive, and that the owner declares that he thinks as much of the fierce animal as he does of his children.