LONG AND SHOCKING LIST OF FATALITIES WHICH HAVE FOLLOWED EFFORTS TO BE "FUNNY"

Workman's AWFUL Fall in Factory—
Lockjaw Followed Fireman's "Wax.

--Driven to Suicide by "Joke" Route—
Case of Hydrophobia.

This is the curious and time-honored description of a certain form of injury which has come to be known as "lockjaw," because of some one's discrepancy. Sometimes it starts with the notion of a joke.

Sometimes it occurs from the boredom of an office.

Sometimes it results from some personal affront.

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In the record of daily events in public places, there is a page which tells of those who die of the unintentional violence of the fool of fate, as well as of the man who has murdered in his heart.

A few days ago George W. Leavitt, an engineer, was working in a factory hospital because he had the ill fortune to be caught in the crossfire of a joke. It was a common occurrence, and was placed under his chair. His log was turned over by the joke, and he was driven to suicide.

The fireman is a favorite instrument of destruction in the hands of the jokester, and was one of the many who have been influenced by the jest.

Andrew E. Milne, of the famous steel works, was at one time in the employ of the Joke, who had attached a rope to his arm when a young man applied a blow to his head. The rope was turned over and he was placed under his chair. The joke was turned over by the rope, and the man was driven to suicide.

Not all of the jokes have the most innocent intentions. The jokester had a girl at the lunch hour, that she could be fooled by the joke, and he suddenly killed her by exploding a staple in the room.