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Ernest Kirby Kills Himself With Shot Gun

Ernest Kirby, aged about 35 years, who was employed with Thomas Davenport, left there Tuesday night and was not located until yesterday morning, when about 10 o'clock word came that he had shot and killed himself with a gun at the Frank Mishler place south of Peoria. He had borrowed the gun at the Mishler home, saying he wished to hunt. Three shots were fired and at the third shot the top of his head was blown off. Death was instantaneous.

About a year ago Mrs. Kirby died, leaving three children, who have been adopted into three very good homes. But the loss of his wife and other troubles weighed upon him and his mind gave way, it is believed.