

FOUND DEAD ON THE TRACK.

**But Friends of Plainfield Man Doubt
If He Was Struck by Train.**

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PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 12.—The body of John McPhillips, a well-known resident of this city, was found on the New Jersey Central tracks at Dunellen this morning. Friends with whom he had been the night before have told conflicting stories as to his whereabouts, and there are other circumstances which lead to the belief that a train did not strike him. With the exception of a crushed skull, the body was not mangled.

McPhillips spent last evening at the home of Luke Hurley, in Dunellen, and it is known that he left there at 5:30 this morning. The body was found at 6:30 o'clock, and in the intervening hour but one coal train passed that point, and that one three tracks away from where the body lay. It was wrapped in Hurley's overcoat, and when a search for the latter was made he could not be found. It is known, however, that he called at the factory where he was employed this morning and drew his week's wages. His wife asserts that he brought his money home last night.

McPhillips was a foreman in the Pond Tool Works in this city, and was one of its most valuable employes. He was a member of the local Foresters' lodge, the members of which have taken the matter of his death in hand, and are personally investigating.

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