

CAME DAILY FOR OIL.

Chicago Boy Looted Cash Drawer While Grocer Went Into Basement—Is Sent to Workhouse.

The game that Anton Irman worked upon Grocer John Schramek, 922 Thirty-fifth street, was worthy of a better cause. For some time past Irman, who came from Chicago, provided himself with spending money by calling daily almost at Schramek's store with a kerosene can, having the grocer go into the basement where he kept the oil to fill the can, and meanwhile helping himself to the contents of the cash drawer.

This happened so often that Schramek began to believe that the place was bewitched, never suspecting the smooth Chicago boy. He appealed to the police and Detectives Seehauer and O'Gorman were given the case. They examined the premises, and suspecting Irman because of his daily visits for oil, gave the grocer instructions about the thief's capture.

The next time Irman called, Mrs. Schramek locked the front door from outside while her husband went into the basement. The police officers were then called and found Irman with several clearing house checks which he had taken from the drawer. It is a peculiar fact that he never took cash, but clearing house checks. On a charge of vagrancy Irman was sent to the workhouse for ninety days.

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