

GIRLS PURSUE A BURGLAR.

With Needles and Scissors They Compel Him to Disgorge.

One of Them Clings to the Thief's Coat Tail Until Help Arrives—Hard Game for the Burglar.

New York, Aug. 19.—"Big Bill" Elliott, a "panhandler" and general criminal, whose last known abode was No. 98 Bowery, saw an open door at the basement areaway at No. 67 West Thirty-sixth street yesterday afternoon. He entered and, seizing an opyx clock on the mantel of the front room, started to make off with it.

The house is the dressmaking establishment of Mrs. Kate Sheppard. She employs a score of pretty young women, besides two or three little girls to run errands. Everybody was upstairs attending to the needs of several patrons.

A woman, who happened to be on the other side of the street, saw "Bill's" stroke of enterprise. She crossed quickly and gave the alarm. The effect was like that of disturbing a nest of bumble bees.

Reine Nathan, 15 years of age, saw the thief emerging with the clock, and with a piercing scream she seized his coat-tails and clung to them.

The other girls came down the stairs in as much haste as it the house were on fire. Each had a needle or a pair of scissors, or some other weapon, and one a hat pin almost as deadly as a stiletto.

Commanded by Mrs. Sheppard, they deployed to right and left, and quickly surrounded the thief.

"Lemme go!" he cried to plucky little Reine, but she hung on with all her power.

He finally got loose from her and, dropping the clock, started to run. He was headed off by the girl with the hat pin.

"No you don't!" she screamed. "Take that! And that!" and she gave him at least an inch of her steel.

"Ouch! Ouch!" groaned the burglar, and he turned in the other direction.

"Take that!" cried a woman, with a jab of her scissors.

"Yes, you brute, take that!" cried several others, and one by one they darted at the side which was unprotected, and each of them gave "Bill" a prod with a needle.

He stands six feet two inches in height, and is broad and brawny, but he was utterly cowed by the fierceness of his captors. Fearing to run the gauntlet, he submitted to them until some members of the Lambs' club appeared and took charge of him until a policeman arrived.

Mrs. Sheppard declared that her girls were just as brave as anything, and an hour later a well-known caterer's wagon drove up to her place and unloaded a quantity of ice cream sufficient for twice as many girls.

While the young women feasted, luckless "Bill" pined in a West Thirtieth street station cell and speculated as to what length of term he will get for the charge of burglary which is entered on the blotter against him.

"I sooner let de cops club me than go up against a game like that," said Bill at the station. "Youse won't know what it is until youse goes up against it. Live honest, that's my advice."

Fire Matters.

The resignation of Fire Chief W. J. Allen last week had the effect of calling out a petition to the fire commissioners asking for the retention of the chief and setting forth his high qualities as a fire fighter. It did not have the result sought for and the chief went into the mines. Since that time, the department has been under the control of Assistant Chief Hector Stewart and it is expected that he will be appointed to fill the vacancy.

The arrival of the new steamer created a demand for several new men, but as yet the corps has not been selected.

Fireman Stingle has, however, been advanced to the position of engineer and will have charge of one of the steamers, and two men—M. A. Probst and J. Westbrook—were put on temporarily.

The machine, however, is anything but satisfactory, and it is believed that it will not be accepted as, indeed, it has not been as yet. In the first place, it is an old machine and is badly worn in the joints; its greatest short-coming, however, is the fact that it cannot lift water any distance and must practically be on a level with the water supply in order to work satisfactorily, as it did during the test. It leaked out this week that the Yukon council purpose making the business public pay for the fire protection they are getting now. They are handicapped at present by lack of authority, but the passage of the new Yukon bill is expected to empower them to levy taxes for special purposes, and this will be used at once upon receipt of notice of the passage of the ordinance by imposing a tax to defray the cost of maintaining the fire department. The tax, it is expected, will be drawn principally from property located within the fire limits.

Engineer Alex. McGuire has been confined to the hospital for several days with an attack of typhoid fever.

An Admiral's Yacht.

The steam launch which was brought to Dawson something over a year ago by a Mr. Bruce and which has since been lying in a state of innocuous desuetude against the West Dawson shore has been purchased by Charles Stevens and is being put into condition for service by Ed. Brandt. The boat was built in England, and, it is said, was built for an admiral of the British navy. It is 45 feet in length, 17 tons burden, and was manifestly built for speed. Its general plan is after that of the second-class torpedo boat. A small cabin at the middle of the boat is made of beautiful oak and furnished in plush.

An Aggravating Case.

One of those aggravating instances which are all too frequent in the Klondike, and which serve to call attention to the need of substituting civil actions for the criminal proceedings so generally employed, transpired last week when Billy Ash, one of the Klondike's best known young citizens, and one who would not stoop to such an act as he was charged with, was placed under arrest for horse-stealing and locked up at the barracks, where he was held until bailed out by a friend. The complaining witness in the case was a man named Roberts, who reported to the police the loss of a horse a couple of weeks ago. The animal was, later, found in the possession of Mr. Ashe, and the arrest followed.

When the case was called in court, Roberts testified that he purchased the horse from a stranger for \$75. Then Mr. Ashe told of buying the horse before Mr. Roberts did, and produced the man from whom he bought it. He noticed its absence at the time when Mr. Roberts bought the horse, and it was undoubtedly picked up then by some stranger.

At this stage of the proceedings Corporal Wilson happened to cast his eagle eye outside and it fell upon the horse. "There is no use proceeding further with the case," he said, "for I recognize the horse as belonging to Mr. Ashe." The suggestion was followed and the case dismissed.

The Nugget feels impelled to suggest that a case of this kind, considering all the circumstances dispassionately, belongs to the civil courts, and should have taken the form of an action for replevin. Had it been done with the case in hand, the ownership of the property would have been established readily, and Mr. Ashe would have been saved the ignominy of being arrested and put in jail.

Mr. James S. French, an employee of the Ames Mercantile Co., and Miss Emeline Neeley, a charming young lady who has just arrived from California, were married on Saturday by Rev. Hetherington, and at once settled down to housekeeping.

TIME TURNS A NEW LEAF.

New Year of the Jewish Calendar Inaugurated on Tuesday.

Marks the Beginning of 5660—A Period of Fasting Now Being Indulged In by the Orthodox.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, was the Jewish New Year's Day, and marked the commencement of the year 5660, according to the Jewish calendar, which dates from the beginning of creation. With orthodox Jews, the day is observed with prayer, and evidences of repentance; there is no gift-giving, as is the custom with Christians, no exchange of calls, no jollity, etc. The day is technically known among Jews as the Holiday of the Trumpet, from the fact, as stated in holy lore, that the arrival of the day was heralded with the blowing of trumpets by the levites of the temple.

The New Year holiday is observed for two days by the orthodox, while all Jews observe the 10 days following New Year's Day as fast days, culminating with the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the year. This day is observed

from sundown to sundown, and during that period neither drink nor food passes the lips of the devout celebrants. Dawson Hebrews, in common with their brethren all over the world, will unite in observing the occasion.

Uncle Hoffman's Jewelry.

Another piece of jewelry said to have belonged to the goods stolen from Uncle Hoffman was in court last week, and accompanying it was the popular person of Adolph Spitzel, who was summoned to show under what conditions it had come into his possession and what knowledge, if any, he had of its pedigree.

The jewel, at the time it belonged to Uncle Hoffman, was in the form of a crescent pin and contained 13 diamonds. After Mr. Spitzel had become possessed of it, he had it altered to the form of a horsehoe.

Uncle Hoffman and Doc Stearns identified the stones beyond question, and Mr. Spitzel swore that he bought the jewel from Louis Myer, who is now on the outside. After that much evidence had been adduced, an adjournment was taken for a few days in order to allow Mr. Spitzel time in which to procure witnesses who will testify as to the manner in which the jewel came into his possession.

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