

# DIAMONDS STREETS

Part of \$10,000 Loot of Window Smasher Recovered by Police, Aided by Men Who Saw Thief Throw Them Away.

## HE CONFESSES THE CRIME.

Said He Was Out of Work, Needed Money, and in the West Side Court To-Day Was Held for Trial.

Twenty-five diamond rings valued at as many hundred dollars, were picked up out of the slush in West Fortieth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, to-day by policemen, private detectives and volunteer diamond hunters.

They were part of the \$10,000 collection of solitaire rings that Angus McPherson, a twenty-four-year-old bellboy, stole from the window of R. Simpson & Co.'s pawnshop at No. 143 West Forty-second street.

### Scattered the Diamonds.

McPherson smashed the plate-glass show-window with a paving-stone, grabbed a tray containing seventy diamond rings, and then darted through Forty-second street, down Broadway, and west on Fortieth street, with a mob of 600 persons at his heels as he ran he scattered his precious burden, literally plying the heart of the Tenderloin with diamonds.

Only a few of the hundreds who assisted in his capture knew what he had done. Those few searched earnestly throughout the night in the darkness overhead and the muck beneath for trace of the diamonds, but met with little success. Daybreak brought an army of treasure seekers along the trail of the diamond thief. The police were on hand early and it was well they were, for daylight began bringing the diamonds.

George Kenny, a crocer in West Fortieth street, told the police that while standing in front of No. 227 West Fortieth street he encountered McPherson with a mob in pursuit. He tried to head him off and McPherson made a lunge at him. At the same time he threw something away. Kenny led the police to the spot, and in five minutes they found eight solitaire diamond rings embedded in the snow and slush. Capt. Schmittberger at once ordered out the reserve. The pawnbrokers hired a dozen private detectives and the volunteer fortune seekers who were poking through the mud and snow with canes, umbrellas, rakes and every conceivable utensil, were ordered to the street.

Scopped Up the Gems. The private detectives were provided with shovels and they scopped up the muck from the streets into barrels which were taken over to Simpson's store. There the stuff was subjected to a hot water bath and this process of placer mining yielded a dozen precious stones worth an hour's time. Meanwhile the police were occasionally turning up a solitaire and forwarding it to the West Thirty-seventh street station-house.

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McPherson was taken to police headquarters to be photographed, and admitted there that he had come from Boston a week ago. He had been a bellboy there, but was out of work and thought to try his luck here. He had nothing to eat for two days, and when he passed the display of gems in Simpson's window the temptation was too much for him. He denied that he had an accomplice, but the fact that the tray he snatched was not recovered makes the police suspicious. He had one of the stones on him when arrested.

Used a Revolver. As he scrambled through Forty-second street, McPherson scattered his precious burden. Turning down Broadway into Fortieth street he drew a revolver and held the crowd at bay until Special Officer Sheridan made for him. McPherson darted for the crowd, which parted before his frantic man, but Alfred Plumpton, a clerk in the pawnshop, stepped out and felled him with a blow. As McPherson went down the mob fell upon him. He received a severe beating.

Elmer F. Woodbury, manager of the Cadillac Hotel, said to-day to an Evening World reporter: "Young McPherson came here about four years ago from the Manhattan Hotel, where he had been employed as head bellman. He was well recommended and proved himself to be thoroughly honest and competent. He was single, as far as I have been able to learn, and I do not know of any reason for his committing the robbery except that he was sorely tempted. He should have been on his way to work when he broke into the pawnshop."

## REEVES SMITH IS BACK.

Miss Barrymore's Former Leading Man Returns from England.

Reeves Smith, the English actor and former leading man with Ethel Barrymore in "Captain Jinks," was a passenger on the Cunard line steamship Saxonia, which arrived this morning from Liverpool.

On the Saxonia also arrived Sir James Simpson, one of the English surgeons who discovered the use of anaesthetics. He is en route to Philadelphia to meet his sister, who has been visiting friends in that city.

Others on board were Prof. Arthur S. Hoyt and wife of Syracuse; Capt. R. H. Jones, Cecil G. T. Bailey, George Calderon, P. R. Lynch, Herbert S. Turle and Miss M. S. Salvage.

## Struck by Electric Car.

James Brady, twenty-five years old, a driver, living at No. 24 Spring street, was struck by an electric car to-day at Third avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street. He received concussion of the brain and was removed to the Harlem Hospital.

# HOW STOLEN GEMS THROWN AWAY ON CITY STREETS WERE FOUND AND RETURNED TO THE POLICE.



Searching for Gems. Recovered Diamonds.

## NOT HOMELESS ON NEW YEAR'S.

Justice Joseph Induces Landlords to Grant Delay Over Holiday to One Hundred Poor Families.

## HAD TO BUY COAL AND FOOD.

One hundred poor families in the Yorkville district who would have been homeless on New Year's day have Justice Herman Joseph, of the Seventh Municipal Court, to thank for a happy New Year's day.

He appealed to the landlords to-day who were to have dispossessed their unfortunate tenants to-morrow, and they agreed to permit the recalcitrant tenants to remain in their homes until Jan. 2, and many of them, touched by the picture of misery and want he painted, said they would extend the time even further.

## MANY INJURED IN TROLLEY WRECK.

Thirty Passengers Hurlled Over an Embankment at Marion, Ind., and Two May Die.

MARION, Ind., Dec. 30.—Thirty persons were down an embankment in a street car here this morning. Many were injured, two probably fatally.

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France and Guatemala to Arbitrate Their Dispute. PARIS, Dec. 30.—France and Guatemala have agreed to submit to the International Arbitration Court at The Hague the French claims against Guatemala. They are similar to those against Venezuela.

## PREDICT \$20 COAL AGAIN.

Dealers Say High Price Is Likely to Return Within a Week—Is Certain in Case of Coldness.

## FAMINE IS SERIOUS AS EVER.

With the coal famine as serious in New York as it has been at any time since the strike commenced dealers are predicting \$20 coal within a week. A cold snap or a heavy snowstorm would create a sudden enlarged demand for coal, a demand that could not be met, and the result would be not only that price but great suffering for the poor.

## DIED BEFORE HIS FIANCEE.

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## COAL OUTPUT IS GROWING.

Operators Expect the Coming Month to Break Records. (Special to The Evening World.) WILKESBARE, Pa., Dec. 30.—While the operators report this morning somewhat less than 90 per cent. of the normal force at work, they are rushing the men who are working and getting out every ton of coal that is possible.

## ACCUSES FATHER OF CRIME.

Supposedly Insane Man Says His Mother Was Murdered in Germany. A well-dressed intelligent looking man approached Sergt. Raynor on the desk at the East Thirty-fifth street police station this morning and said he wanted to give himself up.

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## SHE CLINGS TO HIS BODY.

Higgins, who was thirty-five years old, lived with his parents and a brother at No. 135 Cumberland street, Brooklyn. Fifteen years ago, when he was twenty years old, he fell in love with Bessie Ryan, who was three years younger. Although his parents and her relatives objected to the marriage they proposed there was the love which knows no ending and they continued to love each other.

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## PITCHER WAS HER WEAPON.

Man Thought to Be Dying in Hospital, but Magistrate Commends Girl's Action and Refuses to Order Her Arrest. Harry Shazy, who lives with his wife and three daughters on North Bergen street, Hoboken, is dying in the North Hudson Hospital from a fractured skull received at the hands of his fourteen-year-old daughter, who was endeavoring to prevent him from hitting her mother.

## WELL-KNOWN MAN A SUICIDE.

Dies of Pistol Shot. NEW HAVEN, Dec. 30.—Capt. Francis G. Beach, one of the prominent citizens of New Haven, died at the Geneva Hospital in 1885. During the second administration of President Cleveland he was New Haven's Postmaster.

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## SERVICES IN EAST ROOM.

"Nearer, My God, to Thee" Heard in Corridors Where Strains of Secular Music Are More Wont to Sound to Dancing Feet.

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## GIRL WINS FIGHT WITH FIERCE HAWK.

Scratched and Bleeding She Carried Big Bird as a Trophy to Show at School.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Ten-year-old Emma Babcock, of Purchase, captured a large chicken hawk to-day after a hard battle, during which she was badly scratched. The girl saw the hawk descending on some chickens, at the "rate of a mile a minute," as she described it, and ran toward the chicken house. The bird in its descent struck a telegraph wire stretched along the road and fell half stunned, but seeing the girl advancing flew into a clump of bushes. Emma went after it, but when she tried to pick the hawk up a fierce struggle ensued, which resulted in Emma being severely scratched and bitten and the hawk made a prisoner.

## GIFTS FOR RICH FIREMEN.

Santa Claus Put Diamond Lockets on Christmas Tree. (Special to The Evening World.) WHITE PLAINS, Dec. 30.—The members of the rich Mamaroneck Volunteer Fire Department are proudly exhibiting to-day costly presents which they received from the Christmas tree which was given in the new school house. The gifts, consisting of silver ash receivers, badges, diamond lockets, cigar holders, were made by Capt. "Jack" Hageman, son of the millionaire insurance President and head of the volunteers.

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- Tuxedo Suits of fine unshorn Worsteds, silk-lined throughout, At \$30.00
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- Men's 1-clasp Prix Seam Mocha Gloves in shades of gray, PURITAN, AT \$2.00.
- Men's 1-clasp Prix Seam Mocha Gloves in shades of gray, AT \$2.25 PER PAIR.
- Men's 1-clasp Pique Sewed, Kid Suede Gloves, in shades of gray.
- Fownes' Egal Buck for men, 1-clasp Gloves, in shades of gray, AT \$2.50 PER PAIR.
- Reynier Men's one pearl button Prix Seam Cheoretta Gloves, in shades of gray.

# Have It Charged

The holiday rush is over and business resumes its usual course. It may be that expenses of the past weeks have drained the family purse, and many are unable to purchase for lack of ready money. The above does not enter into the question if you credit at Caesar Misch's. Whatever may be the family requirements in

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