

BURGLARS RETURN TO 'EASTER BONNET'

West Broadway Millinery Lofts Visited the Third Time in Three Weeks.

ACCESS VIA A POLE.

Feathers, Silks and Gauze Carried Away, and, as Usual, the Police "Are on the Case."

When in doubt, the lofts-workers ever on the lower east side always play the "Easter Bonnet" as trumps. The "Easter Bonnet" is the big two-faced building at Nos. 542-544 West Broadway, in the heart of the millinery manufacturing district. Five of the six stories are occupied by firms making artificial flowers, frills and follies or preparing ostrich feathers and bird foliage for the trade. The building has been entered and robbed three times in less than three weeks. The last time was last night.

When the janitor arrived to-day and went through the building he removed his cap and mopped his fevered brow. "This thing," he said, "is gettin' chronic. The first time it was a plain burglary, the second time a coincidence. Now it's gotten to be a confirmed habit."

Just back of the "Easter Bonnet," is the "Three Deuces." The "Three Deuces" is an Italian tenement and it stands at No. 222 Thompson street. Hence the name.

If you go in a dark little hallway, and thread your way through a dismal pocket of a blind alley you emerge finally at the rear of the tenement, into a tiny courtyard that was paved with bricks once, before the tenements took up the paving a brick at a time to throw at one another.

Easy for a Journeyman. From the centre of the court rises a tall crooked clothes pole, which, inclining gracefully to the eastward, ends within a foot of the fire-escape balcony on the top floor of the West Broadway building. Don't you see how easy a job it is for a journeyman left-worker?

Two weeks ago last Tuesday, the thieves got in by way of the left end, incidentally, the clothes pole, and harvested feathers and plumes worth in round a thousand dollars. The various firms then wired the building, and when the burglars responded to an encore at Friday night the jingling of the bells frightened them away before they really got started into their work. However, they must have carried long enough to figure out the lay of the land, for they didn't have the least bit of trouble when they played the third return date, some time last night or early to-day. From all indications they stayed there—just long enough to downward three floors.

Gerstenzang Brothers, the lessees of the loft, lost a lot of their artificial flowers. Finding the office safe unlocked, the visitors carried off pay envelopes containing \$30 and a case of jewelry belonging to the wife of one of the brothers. The American Bud Company, on the fifth floor, had locked the hall doors securely, but the intruders knocked a half-inch rasp off and walked in. They didn't stay long there—just long enough to add some silks and gauze to the swag.

Showered Good Taste. Seldin Iron, on the next floor down, were the heaviest losers. The crooks went thoroughly through their stock of feathers. They showed the judgment of a Fifth Avenue bonnet maker, for they passed up the small ostrich tips and took all the long, expensive plumes they could find in all about \$100 worth.

P. Campomenosi, artificial flowers, on the third floor, and J. Zannocchi & Co., foliage makers, on the second floor, escaped attention. It is presumed the crooks are holding these two concerns in reserve for a fourth call. The police of the Mercer street station are at work on the case. It is always customary to say that the police of such-and-such a station are at work on a burglary like this, although no one expects anything to come of it.

ETHEL BROWN WAS ENGLISH. PARIS, March 9.—The Ethel A. Brown, whose body was found recently in the River Seine and who was supposed to have been an American, has been identified as an English woman, who came here from London. It is supposed she committed suicide.

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LOOKS OUT ON LIFE NOW WITH NEW HOPE

Mrs. Mary Schenck Gets Aid from the Readers of The Evening World.

For the first time in months, Mrs. Mary Schenck to-day looked out upon the world with the feeling that she had a ray of hope.

Mrs. Schenck is the unfortunate woman who, with her seven children, were found huddled together, starving and pinched with cold, in the hallway of No. 315 East Sixty-fourth street last Monday. Her pathetic story told in The Evening World, has brought in contributions from sympathetic readers. "Now that The Evening World has been so kind to me I feel as if I can take a new hold on life," said Mrs. Schenck to-day. "When my husband left me and we were turned out into the streets I thought our end was at hand. When the officer came and took four of my children to the Gery Society and took Mary to the hospital, I was afraid I would never see them again. When I was arrested on the charge of vagrancy it seemed as though the worst of all my misfortunes had happened.

"Now with the money The Evening World has given me I can start over fresh. The Gery Society has given me back my children because I have proved that I am an honest woman and can take care of them. I'm almost well now. In a day or two I will be all over my nervousness. A few good meals have helped us all to get well.

"I have taken rooms at No. 346 East Sixty-second street and I am going to work hard to keep my children with me. If they take my children from me I shall not want to live any longer. I can work. In fact, almost all we had before we were found in the hallway was what I got from washing and scrubbing. I am going to start out to get work to-morrow, and I hope I will be able to find employment. Mary Schenck, who was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital suffering from a severe case of tonsillitis, brought on by exposure to recovering and the mother is looking forward to having her home in a week or two.

"Mary is old enough to look after the children when I'm at work," said the mother. "She's thirteen. Annie goes out to work along with me. She can make \$2 a week after school if she gets her place back again. Please thank the kind people who have helped me in my trouble. If The Evening World and its readers had not come to my aid I don't know what would have happened to me."

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