

WOMAN 60, HOLDS NEGRO FOR POLICE

Maid in Home of Mrs. H. W. Curtiss Bars Exit of Intruder.

IS FELLED AT DOOR Delayed Escape of Burglar Suspect Until Patrolmen Arrive.

REPORT FOUR BURGLARIES Safe Blowers Make Rich Haul From Two United Cigar Stores.

Miss Susan McCretton, who is frail and 60, had the courage yesterday to do battle with a young negro, John Evans, 21, of 235 West Fifty-third street, who had entered the home of her mistress, Mrs. Henry W. Curtiss, at 41 East Sixty-fourth street.

When the latter was attracted by a noise yesterday afternoon she saw Evans walking down a stairway from the fifth to the fourth floor and pursued him to the basement, where she took the initiative in a struggle with him. The other maid, meantime, was telephoning for a policeman.

When Evans broke away from her and started to leave the house Miss McCretton stood against the door, but the negro, it is alleged, seized her by the throat, threw her to the floor and ran to the street. Patrolman Smith was approaching the house at the time and went in pursuit of Evans, overtaking him several blocks away.

Joseph Poholski of Yonkers was on his way home yesterday morning when three men with revolvers jumped from a burial plot at the entrance to Oakland Cemetery and confronted him. "Humph!" said Poholski, "I'm not afraid of ghosts."

Two United Cigar Stores were entered by burglars Sunday night. At 103 Park Row a safe was blown and between \$500 and \$300 was stolen. In the store at 141st street and Willis avenue, The Bronx, the burglars ripped open a small safe, whom they obtained \$185.

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BRIDES GONE RINGS GONE DOUBLE WEDDING FIZZLES

Girls Flee on Eve of Ceremony and Grooms Wait Alackaday and Weylaway! One for His Bride, the Other for His Money.

Anthony Kerekak of 24 Pleasant avenue and Thomas Huber of 414 Shade street, both of Clifton, N. J., appeared before Assistant City Clerk Osmond A. Sparr in Clifton last Saturday and asked for marriage licenses. Kerekak said he was going to marry Miss Pauline Denbar of 32 Orange avenue, while Huber modestly admitted that Miss Mary Lutz of the same address intended to permit him to become hers. These statements were confirmed by the young ladies, who were present, and who exhibited each a diamond engagement ring, price \$200.

"You understand," said Mr. Sparr, "that the marriage cannot be performed for twenty-four hours." "That's all right," said one of the young ladies, "we will have a double wedding Tuesday, won't we, boys?" "Would they?" he asked. "But they didn't and they won't, because yesterday Kerekak, not so cheerful this time, appeared again in Mr. Sparr's office.

"You remember me, don't you?" he asked. "In Tony. I was here with my friend on Saturday and we got marriage licenses." "Sure, I remember," said Mr. Sparr. "Those were the girls that had the diamonds. And how are they? When is the wedding to be?" "Don't!" said Kerekak, "don't! There won't be any wedding. The girls have disappeared. I went to the house where they lived yesterday and the woman who runs the boarding house said they had packed up Sunday morning and left without explaining."

"That's too bad," said Mr. Sparr. "That ain't the half of it," said Tony. "Tom and I spent more than \$200 apiece on their rings and wedding dresses, and they took them, too. How can we get them back?" "You might tell the police," said Kerekak. "That would make talk," said Huber. "He started out, but at the door he stopped and said: 'Mister, I love Pauline. What shall I do?'" "I was you," said Sparr. "I'd go another girl."

But Kerekak said that he was through with women. "William C. Crane of Amityville died at the wheel of his automobile in Stone avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon just after he had swerved his machine to one side and upon the sidewalk to avoid hitting a girl who had stopped to pick up a handkerchief. The car went across the walk and crashed into an iron fence at 71 Stone avenue, and when the police came Crane was dead.

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FRIGID KILLS DRIVER AT WHEEL OF MOTOR

Swerved Car Into Fence to Avoid Hitting Girl in Brooklyn Street.

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Advertisement for John Wanamaker's August Sale of Bedding, Glassware, Pottery, Lamps and Housewares. Includes text: 'Now! The Great September Sales of China, Glassware, Pottery, Lamps and Housewares', 'August Blanket Sale', 'Last Days of the August Sale of Bedding', 'If In Your Inner Thoughts', 'Last Three Days OF THE August Furniture Sale', 'Our entire Furniture Stock', 'Actual "Before and After" Sale Prices', 'In the Wanamaker Sale of Fashion Furs', 'Nurse Has Ward Case Investigator Seized', 'Justice Lehman Finds Complaint Defective', 'Bolshevik Doll Arrives', 'Old Man Dies Gently on Park Bench as Children Play About', 'Commissioner Ends Miles Case Hearing', 'Captain Charged With Murder to Be Held for Grand Jury'. Also features a small illustration of a woman in a fur coat.