

BUTLER AND GEMS RETURNING TO CITY

**Butler Accused of \$20,000
Jewel Theft Aids Wash-
ington Detectives.**

SAID TO HAVE TOLD STORY OF ROBBERY

"Clarence Howlett" Reported to
Have Confessed to Stealing
Mrs. Bugher's Diamonds.

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Howlett was given a hearing before a magistrate this morning as soon as he was turned over to the Washington authorities. He expressed his willingness to accompany the detectives to New York and take them to the shops where he had pawned the jewelry.

The arrest of Howlett marked the culmination of the most determined search for a fugitive ever conducted by the Washington police. The jewelry, about \$15,000 worth of which was found in the butler's possession, belonged to Mrs. Frederick Bugher, wife of Deputy Police Commissioner Bugher, of New York, who was visiting in this city.

Had Police Record.

Major Sylvester regarded the case of such importance that he personally assumed charge of the detective bureau for two days. Howlett had been arrested several years before on a charge of theft, and within twenty-four hours after the loss of the jewelry was discovered circulars with a photograph and description of the butler were being mailed broadcast over the country.

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Youth for Companion.

"I had my grip ready and a short time afterward I was joined by young Bragg, and we boarded an electric car for Baltimore."

Paul Bragg, fifteen years old, of Quincy place, who went away with Howlett, returned to Washington Tuesday night, and immediately came to Police Headquarters, where he gave the police all the information he could about the butler's whereabouts. The butler formerly boarded in the Bragg home and he and the boy were close friends.

In the prison Howlett was found to have \$1,000 worth of loose stones. His arrest was due directly to the shrewdness of Jacob Gamaner, a jeweler, of 424 North Calvert street, Baltimore, who, without entering the store, to dispose of a diamond, an attention he wore a false mustache the jeweler recognized him from the photograph and detained him until the arrival of the police.

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The day the robbery was reported the police said the jewelry was worth \$6,000, but it was said the amount was about \$20,000.

Butler Sold Jewelry.

Three pieces, worth about \$6,000, had been disposed of by the butler in New York. Howlett, however, told where he sold them and the police expect to recover the articles.

According to Howlett's story, he and young Bragg went directly from Baltimore to New York. They did not stop at the same hotel more than once, and again on the street," he said; "but I wore a disguise and they did not recognize me. There were stories about me having escaped to New York and that I had pawned some of the jewelry. That was correct."

Asked why he took the Bragg boy along with him, Howlett said: "Well, I wanted some one to run errands and buy me papers, and I told

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him he would be given a job in a moving picture show."

During the day Howlett said he carried the jewelry in a package in his hip pocket and at night kept it with money in his coat pocket. Howlett arrived in Baltimore yesterday morning. He went to bed in a hotel and when he got up went directly to the jewelry store where he tried to dispose of one of the stones.

How He Was Caught.

Howlett's own version of his capture is as follows:

"The reason why I tried to sell some of the jewelry is the fact that I needed the money to buy transportation. I went into the jewelry store and sized up Gamaner. I tried to act the part of the novice who knows nothing about the value of jewelry, thinking that Gamaner would buy the big diamond for a third of its value. I showed him a phonograph and told him that I wanted the stone to play a certain record.

"I saw him look at me curiously several times and glance down on a table behind the counter. Then I thought that something was up, so I started to leave the place, but he had me dead set by the look in his eyes.

"I am no fighter, and I simply waited. I heard him call for the police. I felt the broken glass and heard the door open and looking out the door guarded by Gamaner I saw the curio gather. The clanging of a bell told me that the police were close by, and just then a tall policeman came through the crowd and a second later I was in the hands of the police."

The man who came through the crowd outside Gamaner's jewelry shop was Captain Homan, a minute later, guarded by half a dozen policemen. Howlett was on his way to the central police station.

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