

STOLEN DRESS IS CLUE IN \$20,000 GEM THEFT

Park Lane Maid Is Arrested When Another Employe Sees Her in Mrs. W. E. Dodge's Gown.

A dress stolen from the apartment of Mrs. William Earl Dodge in the Park Lane Hotel four months ago was the clue, the police said yesterday, by which they traced stolen jewels worth \$20,000 to the furnished room of Mrs. Nettie Murat Wilson, a maid at the hotel, who was held in \$25,000 bail for the Grand Jury on a grand larceny charge. Another employe of the Park Lane saw her wearing the dress at a movie a week ago.

Through her attorney, Joseph M. Klein of 2 Lafayette Street, Mrs. Wilson admitted yesterday the thefts and attributed the acts to an irrepressible desire to possess finery, not to profit by sale of it. All the jewels she stole she kept, Mrs. Wilson said, where she could handle them and wear them in privacy. She absolved Charles Brady, who was arrested at the same address as Mrs. Wilson, 221 East Twenty-fifth Street. Brady was held without bail, the police asserting that he has a prison record.

"I'm glad it has all been recovered and will go back to its rightful owners," Mrs. Wilson said yesterday in Jefferson Market Prison. "I won't have to worry about the jewels any more. I lost as much sleep having it around as any wealthy woman who has thousands of dollars' worth. They say I stole \$20,000 worth. I don't know what it was valued at. I suppose I must take what punishment the fates have in store for me. I hope no innocent person is dragged in. Certainly no one else is to blame."