

AGILE THIEF GETS JEWELS IN 5TH AV.

Climbs to Second Floor and
Enters by Window—Picks
\$10,500 Gems Like Expert.

INTERRUPTED, LEAPS DOWN

Jumps Ten Feet as Victims Awake
and Disappears in Park After
Porter Is Outrun in Chase.

A burglar who showed a knowledge of gems and a disregard for the privacy of bed chambers climbed up the face of the apartment building at 1,019 Fifth Avenue, at Eighty-second Street, Monday about 7 A. M., and, after entering a bedroom window on the second floor, rifled bureaus and vanity cases and escaped with \$10,500 worth of jewelry. He was interrupted at his work, forced to leap from the window to the ground and chased around a block and into Central Park, where he was lost.

The police furnished a list of the stolen jewelry yesterday to jewelers and pawnbrokers and placed the \$10,500 valuation on the articles. When Thomas M. Blake, a hay and grain broker, with offices in the Produce Exchange Building, whose wife and daughters were robbed, was questioned he admitted that the robbery had taken place, but brushed the matter away with "just a few trinkets; stuff you'd buy for children; worth about \$1,000." It was Mr. Blake's dislike for publicity, the police say, that caused information of the robbery to be withheld twenty-four hours.

The Blake apartment is in the building at the northeast corner, and has two bedrooms and a living room facing Fifth Avenue. One bedroom is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Blake, the other by their two daughters. The window of the daughters' room was lifted a few inches Sunday night when they retired. This and the fact that the lower construction of the building is of granite block separated and beveled in a way to provide a series of comfortable niches lured the burglar to become a human fly early Monday morning. The overcast sky at the zero hour, when the street lights are not illuminated, protected him as he clambered to the window and entered the room. Here he selected jewelry found in a bureau and a vanity case.

Then, without having awakened the young women, he entered the adjoining room of Mr. and Mrs. Blake and proceeded to take his pick of the jewelry he found there. He was less artistic in this, however, and Mrs. Blake was suddenly awakened. She screamed at the sight of the overcoated figure at the bureau, and the intruder, hastily dropping a vanity case he held, ran back to the adjoining room and leaped ten feet to the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake followed to the window and shouted to James Clark, a porter, who was cleaning ice from the sidewalk. Clark turned to see the burglar drop to a narrow plot of ground separating the walk from the building. He chased the burglar east in Eighty-second Street, south on Lexington Avenue and west on Eighty-first Street. Clark was soon outdistanced. A detail of policemen hastily summoned were assigned to the various entrances of Central Park, which the burglar entered after leaping the stone wall.

According to the description furnished the police, the burglar was about 30 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, slim, and wore a fedora and a gray overcoat. He made no attempt to use force once he was discovered. The police say that he left several less valuable pieces of jewelry behind, indicating that he understood the value of the goods he took. The loss is covered by insurance.