

TWO SMALL BOYS PLAY DETECTIVE

See Two Thieves Steal Shoes,
Trail Them Home and Then
Notify Store Keeper.

Arthur Gasper and Arthur Gilbert, two ten-year-old boys living in the neighborhood of Seventh avenue east and Third street, evidenced highly developed detective instincts Saturday night when they tracked two older boys whom they had seen stealing shoes from L. S. Guinn's store at 113 East Superior street, to their homes.

Not daring to attempt to stop them until the authorities or the proprietors of the store could be notified, they watched to see where they went and then came back to the place where they had taken the shoes. They notified Mr. Guinn, and then accompanied him to the police station, where they gave a description of the alleged thieves and their residence.

According to their story they had been sent down town on an errand, and had stopped in a dark doorway to look at the crowd passing by. While they were standing there they said that they saw two boys about 15 or 16 years of age pick up two pairs of shoes that were displayed outside in a basket. After getting their booty the two lads say that they walked rapidly to Superior street, and then turned up the hill at Second avenue east.

"We knew that we couldn't do nothin' to em," said the younger of the two, "but we knew that if we could find out where they lived, you could get them later, so we followed 'em right up to their homes. They didn't run or seem scared a bit, but we kept to the dark on the other side of the street and they didn't see us."

That the shoes had been stolen was corroborated by Mr. Guinn, who said that a hasty inventory showed two pairs to be missing. The case will be investigated by the police this morning.