

PLAYFULLY AIMED GUN DISCHARGED

Store Clerk Arrested Following Infliction of Slight Injury on Stranger Who Owns Weapon.

"Yes, I may want to buy that gun; let's have a look at it."

With these words Oscar Olson, 13 years old, a clerk in the store of Joseph Altman, 507 West Superior street, took a 32-calibre revolver from the hand of a stranger who offered it for sale, raised it point blank and fired, hitting the unknown man in the point of the thigh bone.

The stranger who said that he had just come from Mexico and was without funds, was taken to St. Luke's hospital where examination by Dr. J. A. McCuen failed to reveal anything more than a superficial flesh wound and he was able to walk away without treatment.

Olson was taken to Central station where the charge of careless shooting was booked against him.

The incident was repeated later in part when the pistol with which Olson had accidentally shot the un-

known man on the supposition that it was not loaded, was laid on the captain's desk at the police station. Sergeant Kenna, who is stationed at headquarters picked up the gun mumbling, "I don't see how folks can be so careless."

Just as the sergeant uttered the word "careless" there was a loud report, accompanied by the sound of splintering wood. The bullet had first struck the floor, then glanced to the wainscoting where the leaden ball is still sunk deeply in the hardwood.

When he realized what had happened Sergeant Kenna retired to his chair where he refused to converse with any person or persons for the rest of the day.