

WATCH PROVES TO BE EXPENSIVE

Refusal to Hand It Over to Right-
ful Owner Lands Second-Hand
Man Into Much Trouble.

The refusal of Frika Labovitz, mer-
chant of 522 West Superior street to
turn to Thomas Devine a watch
which he identified as his and which
had been bought by Labovitz for
\$50, got him into a heap of trouble
yesterday.

Though Devine could not tell the
number of his watch he identified it
to the absolute satisfaction of the po-
lice by a number of details and La-
bovitz was told that he would have to
give it up. This he refused to do
claiming that it was not Devine's
watch. The latter swore out a war-
rant charging him with withholding
the property and he was arrested. A
clerk in his store then pointed out
John Anderson to a detective as the
man who had sold the watch. An-
derson was arrested and admitted
having sold it to Labovitz. He also
testified in court that he had stolen it
from Devine's room in the Sixth Ave-
nue hotel and on a charge of larceny
was sentenced to 60 days. Labovitz
was found guilty of the charge pre-
ferred against him and fined 50, and
was forced to return the timepiece to
its original owner. He has declared
his intention to take the matter to a
higher court.