

ROBS NEWSBOY OF HIS SAVINGS

"Meanest Man" Turns Up in Superior in the Guise of a Prowling "Lodger."

EVERY ROOM IN HOME OF LOUIS VOGEL RANSACKED

**Engaged Room, Is Fed by Neighbor on Strength of Action.
Returns to Rob.**

The "meanest man" has finally struck Superior. He has made his appearance in other parts of the country at different times and has stolen baby carriages, the widow's mite and the orphan's skates. Here he elected to break into a newsboy's strongbox and steal all his savings—\$9.30.

He operates in the time-honored way by calling at houses where rooms are advertised for rent. Tuesday he called at the home of Louis A. Vogel, 109 Hammond avenue, giving what is supposed to have been an assumed name, saying that he worked for McMullen Bros. and that he wanted to rent a room.

When he was shown the room he said it was satisfactory and that he would return later and make the first payment. He asked permission to wash his hands and then went next door to the home of Mrs. Frank Klimek, who has a boarding house, asked for a meal, telling the same story he had already told Mrs. Vogel, that he intended to take his meals there regularly. He had no difficulty in establishing his credit.

Then the Awakening.

Yesterday morning came the awakening. When Vogel got out of bed there was an icy draft through the house. He hurried to the front door. It was wide open. He made a bee-line for the kitchen. The kitchen door was also open. Then he called his family and started an investigation.

Every room in the house had been ransacked. Every drawer in the pantry, in the bedrooms, in the parlor had been pulled out and emptied on the floor. A bureau drawer containing the savings of the son of the house, Sam, a newsboy, had been pried open with a screw driver. The money was gone, but the screw driver was found on the floor. That was the only clue left by the prowler, except his description, which was carefully noted when he "rented" the room.

May Be Professional.

Now the police are looking for a short, heavyset fellow with a red face, a scarlet nose, and wearing a black cap and a brown suit of clothes. People with rooms for rent are requested by the police to be on the lookout for a man of this description, as it is believed he is a professional prowler, who makes some pretext to enter a house by daylight to reconnoiter and then returns by night to finish the job.

Although he dropped two china plates while ransacking the pantry in the Vogel home, no one was disturbed by the noise he made. Besides Sam's Christmas money he also took some foreign coins and a few articles of jewelry. McMullen Bros. told the police no man of the description worked for them.