

PAWNBROKER IS IN TROUBLE

**ALBERT POLINSKY SELLS "SOLID
GOLD" WATCH CASE
FOR \$5.**

BUYER HAS HIM ARRESTED

**DECLARES DEALER MISREPRE-
SENTED QUALITY OF MATERIAL.**

**Tells His Troubles to Police Who
Advise That Warrant
Be Issued.**

Albert Polinsky, a Bowery pawnbroker and jeweler, was up in the municipal court yesterday for being too generous. He sold L. P. Leind of Hibbing a "solid gold" watch case for \$5 Saturday. Mr. Leind says that after he left the jeweler's mart he found the article was not gold, or even plated, and demanded his coin back. Mr. Polinsky gave him a coarse Bowery laugh, and told him there was one born every minute.

The complaint sworn to by Leind covers three pages of type written manuscript. It recites that Leind went into the store and told one of the clerks that he wanted a solid gold case for his watch. The clerk went over to the safe and was in the act of taking out the one which was later sold when a police officer entered. While the officer was in the place the clerk occupied himself with some other work, but as soon as he left brought the case over to the counter and exhibited it to his prospective customer. He said it was fourteen carats fine, and had been pawned with him only recently. He offered to sell it for \$22, although it was worth much more.

Leind thought he had a good thing and decided to cinch the bargain at once. He said he would take it out and get it tested, and if it was as represented, he would hand over the coin. Mr. Polinsky told him that was not a good thing to do. The man who pawned it might find that it had been sold, and he would make trouble. He suggested that he pay \$5 on it and leave his old case at the store. When he got to Hibbing he could have the test made, and if it was satisfactory send the money back. Otherwise he might return the case and receive his \$5. Leind agreed to this and handed over the money.

When he left the store he sized up the case more thoroughly. He saw that the thin wash of gold had peeled off in many places, exposing the base metal which it covered. He went back to Polinsky and demanded the return of the \$5 deposited. The latter told him that a bargain was a bargain on the Bowery; that he never expected to get more than \$5 for the article, and that as it was sold it would stay sold.

Leind went to the police yesterday, and on their advice swore out a warrant charging Polinsky with petty larceny. He was taken into court in the afternoon, but refused to make a plea, so one of not guilty was entered by the court. He will have his trial this morning.