

DRY GOODS AND JUNK

They Are Found in a Box Car
With the Junk on
Top.

The Recent Cohen & Gittleson
Assignment May Yet Prove
Decidedly Interesting.

The assignment of Cohen & Gittleson, small dealers in gents' furnishings, jewelry and junk, announced a few days ago, was an ordinary appearing item. It has now developed into a sensational affair. They are Russian Jews, and have done quite an extensive business in their line. Their credit among local jobbers was good, and the Duluth Dry Goods company was among their creditors. This concern became suspicious last week that their Lake avenue customers were shipping goods other than junk. They set watch and while doing so, the assignment was suddenly announced.

The dry goods company had "spotted" a car, and after letting it get over into Wisconsin, had it arrested in its course toward Marion, Ind., whither it was billed. Once out of Minnesota, Assignee Ryan could not replenish the goods. The jobbers thought the car contained goods sold by them. Sheriff Herthmaume, of Douglas county, searched it. A lot of scrap iron and several sacks were all that was in sight. The officer began to overhaul things, and inside of a few minutes several boxes of dry goods and clothing were revealed. Old iron and snags covered six trunks at one end of the car.

The next move on the part of the dry goods company is not now known, but there was considerable moving last night on the part of Assignee Ryan, Messrs Cohen & Gittleson, a relative named Mark, who is engaged in the same line of business as Cohen & Gittleson, and another relative named Cook. All these people are said to be relatives and they are said to have relatives at Marion. They were all closeted in the office of two well known attorneys till a late hour last night, considering the situation. One of the attorneys last night told a Tribune reporter that there was not one dollar's worth of Cohen & Gittleson's goods in the car. From another source it was alleged that the trade or cost mark of one of the other gentlemen present was found upon the goods.

The theory that whoever shipped the goods did so to defraud the Duluth Dry Goods company is the only one yet advanced, but it is claimed that the object of the transaction was to get ahead of the railroad company on carrying charges.

The outcome of the case will be watched with interest. The goods found in the car were probably worth \$2,500 or \$3,000.