

BURGLARS RAID M. S. COOK'S HOME

**\$70, a Valuable Gold Watch
and Chain Are
Missing.**

Burglars made a good haul yesterday morning at the house of M. S. Cook, 314 East Second street, who stands to lose \$70 in money, a valuable watch and chain, keys which cannot be duplicated, and other contents of a suit of clothes taken from a chair within six feet of the bed where Mr. Cook and his brother, M. J. Cook, were sleeping. The boldness and dispatch with which the thieves operated is equalled only by their success in thus far eluding the efforts of the police to run them down. Entrance to the house was gained by removing a screen and raising a window leading into the parlor, adjoining the sleeping room. None in the house was aware of the break until the discovery in the morning on the lawn of the articles of clothing. So far as is known no attempt was made to loot other apartments.

Mr. Cook and his brother closed their Michigan street place of business shortly after midnight and retired as usual to their room. In the morning the former discovered that all his apparel, even to socks and shoes, was missing. Investigation showed a screen gone and a window raised in the parlor and beneath the window were strewn about the clothes. A handful of silver also lay on the ground, but bills, watch and about everything else was gone.

Investigation by the police leads to the opinion that the job was pulled off by novices. Everything points to hurried work, especially the fact that M. J. Cook's clothes were not disturbed and on the dresser was a shirt containing a diamond stud worth all the property that was stolen. It is not quite clear, either, why so many articles of clothing were taken, only to be left on the lawn.

The police are working on very slender clues. One party has been found who tells of overhearing two young fellows remark early Saturday evening, in the vicinity of 314 East Second street, that it was up to them to break into some house. The description given of the two, however, is not of much value. On the sidewalk in front of the Presbyterian church was found torn in pieces the paper wrapper which held the missing bills and currency, showing that the thieves wasted no time in splitting their plunder. A close watch is being kept on the pawn shops in hopes an effort may be made to unload the watch and chain, which might happen if the thieves are unsophisticated enough.