

# JEWEL FANCIER

## LANDS IN JAIL

**Negro Doctor With Taste for Diamonds Arrested on a Bad Check Charge.**

**OFFERS STORES PAPER AS PAYMENT FOR RARE GEMS**

**Officers Nab Him in Pawnshop on "Tip" From Suspicious Jeweler—Stories Conflict.**

Caution on the part of A. H. Polinsky, proprietor of the Albert company jewelry store, 501 West Superior street, yesterday saved him from accepting an \$80 worthless check and helped capture a forger wanted in Minneapolis for cashing eight checks, and who also received a \$120 diamond from the Henricksen Jewelry company, 7 West Superior street, on a worthless piece of paper.

Late yesterday James W. McDonald, colored, who claims that he is a Minneapolis physician and gives his address as 91 South Thirteenth street, entered the Albert company's store and purchased a diamond worth \$80. He offered a check in payment. Polinsky thought that the man acted nervous and refused to accept the check until he could have it certified. McDonald left the check, saying he would return.

Polinsky followed him up Fifth avenue West to First street, down First street to Third avenue West, down Third avenue to Superior street and to the Keystone Loan company, 32 West Superior street. McDonald entered the store and started to dicker with Jacob D. Seigel, owner of the store, to pawn a diamond ring. McDonald wanted \$65 and Seigel offered \$50. Polinsky then telephoned police headquarters for an officer. Mrs. Mary J. Walsh, police matron, happened along and, together with Patrolman Youngberg, arrested the colored man.

Investigation at the Keystone Loan store showed that the diamond ring offered in pawn had just been purchased from the Henricksen jewelry store. The diamond had been bought with a worthless check for \$120 signed with the same name.

Shortly after McDonald was taken to headquarters Polinsky telephoned the Commercial National bank of Minneapolis, on which the checks were drawn, and found they were bogus. The bank ordered the signer arrested.

While Chief of Police Troyer and Detectives Schulte and Irvine were questioning the man, Chief of Police Oscar Martinson of Minneapolis telephoned, giving a description of a forger wanted for passing eight checks in Minneapolis. "Why, we have that man here now," answered Chief Troyer. "He was just arrested for trying to pass a check." Chief Martinson asked that, unless the Duluth authorities wish to prosecute their case, McDonald be turned over to him.

When arrested, McDonald had but very little money upon him and no diamonds. It is not known how much he secured from the eight checks passed in Minneapolis, but it is thought he placed the money in hiding.

When questioned by Chief Troyer, McDonald would not give the name of the college at which he received his degree as doctor of medicine. He said he was educated in England, and the next moment said that he left England when he was 15 years old. He presented a card bearing the name of Dr. James W. McDonald, 91 South Thirteenth street, Minneapolis. He will be arraigned in municipal court tomorrow, when it will be decided whether to turn him over to the Minneapolis police.