

JACK, THE PROWLER

Vagrant Enters Houses and Frightens Inhabitants

Police Blotter

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An unknown man, who is at present in the county jail, gave a bad half hour to several families living in the south part of town Wednesday evening. He first walked into the residence of Wm Crissman, the door being unlocked. Mrs. Crissman was alone in the back of the house, and hearing some one enter started to investigate. The man was alarmed and left before doing any damage.

After trying to enter several of the houses near and giving various excuses for his actions when found he reached the home of Marshal Malaby. Mr. Malaby was on duty, Mrs. Malaby had left the house for a short time, and the children had fallen asleep, leaving the doors unlocked. Little Frankie was in the back bedroom. The man entered this room, picked up a chain and locket lying on the stand and turned the light out. The noise awakened Maggie, who was in the next room, and she ran out, calling for help. The man left hastily, taking with him nothing but the locket he had picked up on first entering.

Maggie's presence of mind undoubtedly saved the house from being ransacked and also saved the younger children from a possibly serious fright.

Mrs. Malaby returned almost immediately after the man left and on hearing the children's story reported it to Policeman Messick, who, with Mr. Malaby, kept watch for several hours for a vagrant answering to the description the little girls gave of the would-be thief.

About one o'clock word was brought to them of a drunk who was sleeping on a plank between the two Clandon houses. Mr. Malaby took the man to the city jail and was searching through his pockets, when he found in them the chain and locket belonging to his little daughter. He at once turned the man over to Mr. Messick who took him to the county jail.

Several of the people in that part of town who were disturbed by the man's actions have identified the prisoner as the one whose doings had aroused their suspicions the same evening.