
ROBS THE NEEDY.

Unknown Woman Accused of Pocketing Subscriptions.

Mrs. **Emma G. Nichols**, widow of George F. Nichols, the special policeman who was murdered by a burglar a few weeks ago, reported at police headquarters yesterday that some young woman whose name she does not know is taking subscriptions for the aid of the Nichols family and keeping the money for her own use. The fraud who seeks to make money at the expense of a widow and three little children went to the residence of William Fault, at 5B Vassar place, Wednesday, and represented that she had been authorized by Mrs. Nichols to receive subscriptions. She carried a small book for the entry of names and amounts. Fault suspected the woman, and she got no money from his family, but he says that she collected money from some of his neighbors.

The mysterious woman is short in stature and very pale. She wears a blue waist, a gray skirt and a black Derby hat. When appealing for subscriptions she tells people that she is a working woman and that she takes one day a week off in order to do what she can for the Nichols family.

Stole Goods From Employers.

Maurice Freder, a clerk in the White House, who has been systematically stealing from his employers for a year past, was caught carrying away goods last Tuesday night and was arrested by a Morse detective. It has been known for some time that some one connected with the store was stealing, but until Tuesday it was impossible to fasten the crime on the right man. Freder confessed and the management discharged him. Eugene Galois, vice-president of the concern, stated that the amount of goods taken would not amount to more than \$300, and as the young man's parents are of respectability decided not to carry the matter into the courts.

Escaped Death, but Lost a Wheel.

William Meyer, who resides at Ocean View, had a narrow escape from death yesterday afternoon. He was crossing the railroad track in a light wagon at Twenty-fifth and Valencia streets when the train from Monterey came along. Meyer whipped up his horses and was almost across the track when the engine struck his wagon and took off one of the hind wheels. Meyer was not even thrown from the seat.