

DISORDERLY HOUSE

Three Men Get Away With Money and Jewelry From Resort Just North of City Limits.

Three masked robbers made a successful foray on the disorderly house run by Flo Williams in the municipality of Kildonan, shortly after 7 o'clock last night. The house is located immediately north of the city limits, where the main road for Transcona branches off from the Bird's Hill road. In addition to the proprietrix and three female inmates, there were three male visitors in the parlor at the time the robbers entered. The latter were evidently young men acquainted with the locality and premises, but their ages, or identity in any way could not well be established. Each of the robbers wore a mask which entirely hid every vestige of feature. The masks were of an amateur and very rough design, having evidently, from the descriptions given by the affrighted victims, been made of old stockings with the leg slit and holes cut for the eyes. Each of the robbers carried a revolver and the whole party in the house was immediately covered, while the leader and spokesman of the three in a deep voice ordered each one separately to "disgorge," making a threat of violence if the order was not immediately complied with. The part of collecting the booty was carried out by two of the number, while the third stood on guard in the hallway, to save the situation in case of surprise from the outside or from any person that might have been occupying the upper rooms of the house at the time.

Went Swiftly to Work.

Although the men were believed from their rough disguise and appearance generally to be amateurs at the business, they carried out the robbery with a system which perhaps have done "credit" to Bill Miner. After each one of the number of inmates had handed forth their valuables and money—while one of the robbers held the two loaded revolvers pointed towards the line of victims, the other went "through" their pockets and clothing with the practicableness of a police station duty officer searching a prisoner.

The most valuable of the trinkets worn by the women was a diamond ring valued at \$60, but a number of watches and other jewelry were also secured. The amount of money secured could not well be settled by the victims among themselves, but as near as could be ascertained the robbers secured at least \$150 in cash, the male inmates having most of the "ready" in their possession. A Chinaman, who is employed at the establishment was in the kitchen at the time the robbers entered, and he was overlooked for a time.

Found Chinaman.

After making a thorough search of the inmates of the house, and not being satisfied with the amount of cash secured from the females, a thorough search of the premises was commenced, and it was then that the Chinaman was found hiding behind a door. He was almost prostrated with terror when the revolver was pointed at his head. He willingly gave up his money and turned out his pockets to prove to the robbers that he had no more. In addition to the cash and jewellery taken from the persons of the inmates, the robbers carried off a number of small articles, and in fact everything of value that could be easily handled by them.

The house has no telephone connection, and after the robbers had fully satisfied themselves and taken their departure, one of the male inmates started for the city to report the matter to the police. He was fortunate in securing a lift from a passing automobile and reached the city police station about 8 o'clock. Although the house is located outside the city limits the city police at once took the case in hand. Morality Inspector Eddie, Detective Sergeant Bishop and three constables hurried out to the scene. There was, however, little to be learned that would give the officers a clue in their efforts to trace the robbers, their disguises, although rough, being of a most effective kind.

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