

face, dark hair, fresh complexion, thick set, stooped shoulders; dressed in dark clothes, tweed cap. Was engaged by the complainant and collected the above amount for milk supplied and failed to account for it. Other charges pending.

WELLINGTON.—**Henry Mitchell** is charged on warrant with the theft, on or about the 25th March last, of a bicycle, the property of John Edward Jenkinson; value, £10. Description: Colonial, about twenty-four years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. high, slight build, dark hair and complexion, small dark moustache, sharp features, good appearance and address; usually wears a dark-blue sac suit, and hard black-felt hat, and was canvassing for the Citizens' Life Insurance Company. The bicycle was pawned by the offender on the 19th April last, at Smart's pawn-office, for £3 10s. The bicycle also stolen from Harry Vincent Westbury has been recovered at Barsht's pawn office, where it was pledged by the above offender for £2 10s. (See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 149). Offender is also suspected of the theft of a Massey-Harris bicycle, at Wellington (see page 157).

WELLINGTON.—**Robert Pickford Hatch**, fancy-goods dealer, reports that about 1 a.m., 18th instant, the plate-glass window in his shop in Taranaki Street was broken and the following stolen: Two white metal Swiss keyless open-faced watches, two open-faced white-metal watches with glass at the back, a white-metal open-faced Waterbury, a white-metal open-faced stop-watch, a gilt open-faced stop-watch, a gilt hunting keyless watch, a gun-metal hunting-watch with St. George and the Dragon engraved on back, a black-enamelled keyless watch, showing time, month, day, and date; also several articles of small value; value, £7 17s. 6d.

WELLINGTON.—**Alfred Baker and James Grant**, carpenters, report stolen from an unfinished building in Grant Road, on the 13th or 14th instant, a 6 in. square, an 18 in. bow-saw, a 1½ in. chisel, a 7 in. iron plane, and a pad-saw, branded "A. Baker"; value, £1. Also, a carpenter's kit, containing a try-plane, a hand-saw, a set of bits, a wooden plough-plane, two nail-punches, a ¾ in. bead-plane, three chisels, two compass-saws, and a draw-knife, branded on handle "J. Grant"; value, £5. Identifiable.

MANNERS STREET (WELLINGTON).—**James Smith and Sons**, drapers, Cuba Street, report stolen from their shop-door, on the 17th instant, a bundle of about eight grey-flannelette shirts, with various coloured stripes, "Kaiapoi" brand on the neck; value, £1 8s. Identifiable.

CHRISTCHURCH.—**Cecil Davis, alias Francis** (names probably fictitious), is charged on warrant with the theft, on the 2nd instant, of a gentlemen's Anglo-Special bicycle, the property of William Hindle, draper, St. Albans; value, £11 10s. Description: Supposed native of Christchurch, about eighteen years of age, about 5 ft. 5 in. high, medium build, very fair complexion, fair hair, small fair moustache, a few fair hairs on chin and neck, scar on left side of throat; dressed in brown saddle-cloth suit and tan boots. Offender had the bicycle in his possession on the 18th instant, but dropped it and ran away. Identifiable by Detective Livingstone, Christchurch police.

CHRISTCHURCH.—**J. G. Moore** reports stolen from the sample-room in Sargood, Son, and Ewing's warehouse, Lichfield Street, between the 1st and 3rd instant, a ladies' gold Waltham hunting-watch, with plain cases, No. 8506687 on the works, No. 983976 on the case; value, £5 7s. 6d. Identifiable.

CHRISTCHURCH.—**Martin Lock**, fireman, reports stolen from the yard of the *Lyttelton Times* office, Gloucester Street, on the 5th or 6th instant, a gentlemen's Waverley bicycle, 24 in. black-enamelled frame, No. 132340, King of the Road lamp attached; value £15 5s. Identifiable.

CHRISTCHURCH.—**William Congreve**, ironmonger, reports stolen from High Street, on the 10th instant, a gentlemen's black-enamelled Anglo Special bicycle, No. 1594, wooden handle-bars, 22 in. frame; value, £15. Identifiable.

CHRISTCHURCH.—**Robert Houlden**, carpenter, reports stolen from Inglis's buildings, on the 29th ultimo, a gentlemen's 24 in. black-enamelled bicycle, with B.S.A. parts, dropped handles, black grips, white tips, forks wide apart, Brooks saddle, 96 gear, roller chain, number unknown, acetylene-lamp attached; value £21. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 194.)

LITTLE RIVER.—The cash-box stolen from the Little River Railway-station was found on the 10th instant close to the station, broken open and the contents taken away.

RANGIORA.—Messrs. Carmichael and Martin report supposed stolen from them, about the 1st June last, a gentlemen's Star roadster bicycle, No. 4102, double bars, about a 24 in. frame. Suspicion attached to *H. A. Williams*, who

obtained the bicycle on the hire system, and may have disposed of it, as he has left the district. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, twenty-three years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, medium build, dark complexion, and hair inclined to be curly, no hair on face; dressed in dark-tweed suit and dark cap. His mother lives in Clarence Street, Pousonby, Auckland.

RANGIORA.—Messrs. Carmichael and Martin report supposed stolen from them, about the 1st June last, a gentlemen's road-racer Star bicycle, No. 4492, black rims, stripe in centre, very low handles. Suspicion attached to *Ernest John Heal*, who obtained the bicycle on the hire system, and may have disposed of it. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, about twenty years of age, about 5 ft. 9 in. high, fair complexion and hair, no hair on face; dressed in dark suit. His parents reside in Montreal Street, Christchurch.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 194.)

PALMERSTON.—**Robert Matheson's** portmanteau has been found.

DUNEDIN.—**Soren Christian Sorensen** is charged on warrant of commitment for two months for theft from the Direct Importing Company at Dunedin. Description: A native of Denmark, a salesman, forty-nine years of age, 5 ft. 9½ in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, light-brown hair, clean-shaved except fair moustache, blue eyes, dresses well, good appearance; was employed by the above company, and prosecuted for a number of thefts, and was sentenced on one charge to two months.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, pages 194.)

DUNEDIN.—**Walter Loring**, charged with theft from Charles Maccaudrew Howison. Offender's defalcations have been found to amount to £337. He has a brother employed on a dredge at Alexandria. Arrest important.

### Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

GISBORNE.—**Hubert St. Clair** is charged on warrant with deserting his wife, Mary St. Clair, since December last. Description: A native of Cape Colony, a shepherd, thirty-two years of age, 5 ft. 5½ in. high, sallow complexion, stoutish build, short neck, straight nose, F and sword on right arm. (See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 252.) Was last heard of at Feilding in January last. He may attempt to go to Cape Colony under an assumed name.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 184.)

HASTINGS.—**Andrew McMillan**, charged with deserting his wife, has been arrested by Constable J. Forster, Foxton police, on information supplied by Constable Breen, and remanded.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—**Thomas Frederick Richardson** is charged on warrant of commitment to the New Plymouth Gaol for one month in default of paying 15s. a week towards the support of his wife and children. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, twenty-seven years of age, 5 ft. 9 in. high, fair complexion, sandy hair, blue eyes, scar over right eye. (See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 139.) He was an inmate of the asylum about four years ago. His father resides at Stratford. Arrears due up to the 27th May, 1901, £22 10s.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 119.)

INGLEWOOD.—**John Goller**, charged with failing to provide for the maintenance of his illegitimate child, was seen about the 1st instant in Christchurch. He was then working in a livery-stable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 52.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—**Edward Mills**, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the maintenance of his illegitimate child, has been arrested by Detective G. Fitzgerald and Constable J. Fahey, Christchurch police, and lodged in Lyttelton Gaol.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 158.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—**Richard Davis**, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the support of his child, has been arrested by Acting-Detective J. J. Cassells, Wellington police, and remanded.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 194.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—**Henry Walkey**, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the maintenance of his wife, has been arrested by Detective T. Livingstone, Christchurch police, and sentenced to three months' hard labour.

TIMARU.—**Charles Henry Victor Baker** is charged on warrant with deserting his wife, Ella Baker, since the 19th instant. Description: A native of Auckland, a labourer, twenty-five years of age, 5 ft. 5 in. high, slight build, dark hair, eyes, and complexion, clean-shaved. He was employed at a cordial-factory in Timaru, and was previously employed in a brewery at Hastings.