

CHRISTCHURCH.—31st December last, from the shop of DOUGLAS COX, LTD., 198-200 High Street, an 18 ct. gold dress ring, platinum set with three diamonds, crossover pattern; value, £10. Identifiable. Suspicion is attached to **Woman** (name unknown), age about twenty-four, height about 5 ft. 3 in., slight build, pale complexion, dark-brown hair; dressed in a brown costume, brown hat without crown, and brown shoes and gloves. She went into the shop and asked to be shown a ring. A tray of rings was shown to her and soon after she left the shop the shop-assistant discovered that the ring described above had been stolen from the tray and an imitation gold and diamond ring, similar in design to the one stolen, left in its place.

ASHBURTON.—21st January last, from a dressing-shed at the Domain swimming baths, the property of WILLIAM JOHN WATT, 85 Wills Street, a gentlemen's 15-jewelled Eclipse wristlet-watch, of chrome cushion pattern, luminous dial, No. 12890, leather strap attached: value, £2 15s. Identifiable.

CLINTON.—During the night of the 27th ultimo the shop of THOMAS MILLNES, was broken into and the following stolen: A £5 note; two ten-shilling notes; and £2 6s. 2d. in silver and coppers. The offender or offenders may have been in possession of an Oakland motor-truck, registration number, L. 19,472, which was stolen from Gore on the 25th ultimo and recovered at Waiwera on the 28th ultimo. (See following paragraph.)

CLINTON.—On the 27th or 28th ultimo the premises of the NATIONAL MORTGAGE AND AGENCY CO., LTD., were broken into and the office safe stolen. On the 28th ultimo the safe was recovered at Waiwera on the motor-truck referred to in preceding paragraph. On the 27th ultimo an attempt was also made to break and enter the office of THOMAS FORREST, garage-proprietor.

Bicycles.

NAPIER.—18/12/37, No. 73758, a gentlemen's black Aljon, the property of David Stuart; value, £3.

HASTINGS.—28/1/38, No. A. 1707, a gentlemen's black Paul Hannah Dauntless, the property of Stanley James Ray; value, £9.

LOWER HUTT.—3/1/38, No. 9738, a gentlemen's black Argyle, with green lines, Argyle transfers, the property of Thomas Bartosh; value, £6.

LOWER HUTT.—15/1/38, No. 5285, a ladies' black Couchman, with red lines, Couchman transfers, the property of Thomas Purvis; value, £5.

NELSON.—31/1/38, No. A. 93477, a gentlemen's black Olympia, the property of Arthur John Masters: value, £6.

CHRISTCHURCH.—28/1/38, Nos. 3124 A. and 18963, a ladies' black, Butler transfers, the property of Myrtle O'Connor; value, £9.

CHRISTCHURCH.—5/2/38, No. A8804, a ladies' black, Victory transfers, the property of Ola Beatrice Gray; value, £3.

CHRISTCHURCH.—6/2/38, No. 1573 A, a gentlemen's black, Butler transfers, the property of John R. Peddie; value, £7.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Kathrene Piddock's bicycle stolen (see Police Gazette, 1937, page 548): **Arthur Edward Hicks** has been convicted of stealing the bicycle but it has not been recovered. He stated that he filed off the number, repainted the frame and then sold the bicycle to some person unknown.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Merle Meyer's bicycle stolen (see Police Gazette, 1937, page 804): **Arthur Edward Hicks** has been convicted of stealing the bicycle but it has not been recovered. He stated that he filed off the number, painted the frame black and then sold the bicycle to some person unknown.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Florence Dwight's bicycle stolen (see Police Gazette, 1937, page 850): **Arthur Edward Hicks** has been convicted of stealing the bicycle but it has not been recovered. He stated that he filed off the number, painted the frame black and then sold the bicycle to some person unknown.

TEKURA.—18/12/37, a gentlemen's black Brittanica, Brittanica transfers, the property of James Pelvin; value, £2 10s.

DUNEDIN.—29/1/38, No. W. 8, over 77247, a gentlemen's black the property of William Aiken; value, £5.

DUNEDIN.—12/2/38, No. A 3721 over 8-37, a gentlemen's blue, Kiwi transfers, the property of Harry Hazelwood; value, £10 2s. 6d. *frame recover'd. 11/6/38*

WYNDHAM.—17/1/38, No. 8144, a gentlemen's black, The Grand and Phillips transfers, the property of George Mitchell; value, £5 10s.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

PARNELL.—COLIN JOHN RAWNSLEY'S bicycle has been recovered by the Auckland police. (See Police Gazette, 1935, page 141.)

AUCKLAND.—The MOUNT WELLINGTON ROAD BOARD'S typewriter has been recovered in a paddock in Penrose Road. (See Police Gazette, 1937, page 210.)

PALMERSTON NORTH.—NELSON WILLIAMSON'S shop broken into (see Police Gazette, 1938, page 138): The postal-note has been recovered it having been tendered in payment for two meals at the Majestic restaurant, Victoria Avenue, Wanganui, on the 1st or 2nd ultimo by a **Man** (name unknown), age about forty, height about 5 ft. 4 in., medium build and complexion; dressed in brown clothes. He was accompanied by and paid for the meal of a **Man** (name unknown), age about twenty-four, height about 5 ft. 7 in. and of medium build.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—HOWARD GARDINER'S bicycle stolen: The frame has been recovered by the Wanganui police. (See Police Gazette, 1937, page 170.)

MASTERTON.—The WAIRARAPA FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION'S shop broken into: Portion of the stolen property has been recovered by the Wellington and Masterton police, and **Ronald Dempsey Crook**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1936, page 130, **James Butler**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1937, page 774, and **Jack Stimpson**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1936, page 198, have been arrested for the offence. (See Police Gazette, 1938, page 121.)

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

HAMILTON.—Inquiries are to be made for the owner of the bicycle described hereunder which was found in London Street on the 1st January last: A gentlemen's black Royal Devon, No. 79576 over 34, rubber pedals, red Cavalier tire on front wheel, red Cruiser tire on rear wheel, Kaydex saddle, electric-generator attached.

HAMILTON.—Inquiries are to be made for the owner of the bicycle described hereunder which was found in Victoria Street on the 2nd ultimo: A gentlemen's black with red lines, No. N.V. 1490, reversed upturned handlebars, Dunlop tires, steel pedals, Dunlop rubber saddle, aluminium pump, bell attached to front wheel, freewheel back-peddalling brake.

MISSING.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Since the 5th instant, **Joseph Reuben Roots**, age fifty-eight, height 5 ft. 8 in., clerk and bricklayer, stout build, fresh complexion, fair hair going bald, hazel eyes, has small moustache; dressed in a navy-blue suit, dark-grey felt hat, and black shoes. He has recently been worrying over domestic trouble, and fears are entertained for his safety. Inquiry by his son-in-law, Edwin Maurice Walker, 80 Trafalgar Street, St. Albans.

dead 30.3.38

DESERTER FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

DEVONPORT.—28th ultimo on warrant for deserting from H.M.S. "Endeavour," **Robert Taylor**, age twenty-two, height 5 ft. 6 in., seaman, native of England, medium build, fresh complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, lifebuoy and anchor on left forearm, sailing-ship, clasped hands, and heart on right forearm.

arrested 24/8/38