

# BURGLARS BUNGLE JOB

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## ATTEMPT TO OPEN LAUNDRY SAFE IS A FAILURE.

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**Cracksmen, Evidently Amateurs,  
Unsuccessful When They Try  
to Blow Strongbox.**

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Burglars made an unsuccessful attempt Saturday morning to blow up the safe of the Yale Laundry, at Tenth and East Morrison streets, but only succeeded in making a great deal of trouble for the management. The combination knob and the handle of the door were broken off with a sledge hammer, and two holes were bored through the door with a half-inch drill. Through these holes the burglars poured nitroglycerine and then tried to explode it by a fuse and cap.

The first attempt was unsuccessful as the explosive ran down the inside of the door to the bottom and the fuse and cap, used to discharge the nitroglycerine, had no effect. A second attempt was made to fire it but the robbers evidently became frightened or gave up the attempt as the second charge was not exploded, but left in the door of the safe. Their tools, which had been taken from a blacksmith shop near by, were left in the building together with some of the explosive. This was in a couple of ink wells which were left standing on a shelf near by.

The holes were drilled while the safe was in the front room, evidence of this being shown by the filings that were left scattered on the floor. After this the safe was taken to the rear room by means of a crowbar. This instrument was also used to effect entrance into the building as the bruises on a window casing on the west side plainly showed.

Clothes were piled upon the safe in order to muffle the sound of the explosion. As soon as the attempted robbery was discovered yesterday morning the police were notified and an expert was called to open the safe in order to allow the employees to get the laundry lists locked inside. Some anxiety was felt as to whether the Saturday's deliveries would be made but after nearly six hours, the expert succeeded in making an entrance to the safe and obtained the lists.

From the methods used by the burglars it was evident that they were novices at the business. There was approximately \$150 in the safe in gold and silver.

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