

Thief Stops to Raid Victim's Icebox

Fasting 'Nuisance' to Rescue World

live, investigating a break into the home of Mrs. Marie De Angella, discovered the remains of a hearty meal on the kitchen table left by a hungry thief.

He not only raided the icebox but also ransacked the rest of the house and escaped with \$40 worth of jewelry.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7 (UPI)—Johnsympathy from Mrs. Le May. She said, "I'm not leaving the hotel room where he has been fasting to teach the world 'virtue' and save it from destruction."

Hotel Manager W. F. Johnson said Mr. Bender had promised to leave today for the farm home of his sister, Mrs. Morris Le May, at Chippewa Falls, Wis.

"I don't know," he said. Mr. Bender apparently planned to go right on fasting "unto death." If so, he wasn't likely to eat much more.

"If he wants to starve himself to death that's his business," she said. "We'll bury him in the family plot up here."

Mr. Bender, tall and gaunt, has not eaten since Sunday, except to wet his lips with water.

Johnson said Mr. Bender also had been eating digitalis to alleviate a heart condition he has suffered for 10 years.

Mr. Johnson couldn't explain why Mr. Bender would take digitalis. "I'm not leaving the hotel room where he has been fasting to teach the world 'virtue' and save it from destruction."

The hotel manager did not conceal his relief at getting Mr. Bender off his hands. He said he was sympathetic with Mr. Bender's motives, but that his guest was a nutcase.

"What's a thing to happen in my hotel," he moaned. Mr. Bender was a little surprised that the welcome mat had been yanked out from under him.

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