STOLE FROM DRY GOODS STORES.

Two Young Men Confess Their Guilt When Arrested.

W. K. Mitcherson and W. J. Kors were arrested yesterday at the instance of the Mercantile Inspection Co. for petty thefts in some of the leading dry goods stores of the city. The detective agency think they are members of a gang which has been carrying on this species of robbery systematically, but there is no evidence to support their opinion. Two weeks ago Mr. D. Crawford received a note in a feminine handwriting warning him that he was being robbed. A strict watch was placed on all the employees, and suspicion fell on W. K. Mitcherson. No evidence could be found against him, but Saturday he resigned. The detectives resolved on a bold raid yesterday and arrested him. He is very indignant at first, but when shown the letter received by Mr. Crawford broke down and made a complete confession. He implicated Kors and A. D. Sang, an employe of Crawford’s. Sang got wind of coming danger about yesterday afternoon. He is supposed to have gone to Chicago. Kors, who was employed at Herzog Bros., was arrested there and brought to the Four Courts. He also broke down when arrested. The method employed by these two young men was to steal goods during working hours and conceal them in the lining of their coats. Each turned over about $20 worth of haberdashery to the police. Kors accuses Mitcherson of having induced him to commit the thefts.

Kors is the young man who cut so important a figure in the attempted suicide and subsequent disappearance of Maggie Mathews a month or two ago. When searched at the Four Courts last night her picture was found in his inner vest pocket. The young lady, it will be remembered, claimed to have been engaged to Kors and when he repulsed her, attempted suicide, writing to him that life was unendurable to her. Miss Mathews' history is a very sad one. Shortly before her death was a strikingly beautiful girl, and when she met Kors a few years ago, fell terribly in love with him. Shortly after she went to Lindenwood College, where she studied painting. After returning to the city she made a trip to Europe, which Kors asserts was done to hide an indiscretion. When he found this out on her return, he broke off their engagement. The girl's family had moved to Albany, N.Y., and a few months ago she came to St. Louis and again pleaded with Kors to marry her. When he refused she went to the house of a Mrs. Horse at St. Charles and, after writing him a heart-rending letter, attempted to commit suicide. She recovered and mysteriously disappeared. Her mother came on a New York, and detectives wereployed to look for her. But further than that she had gone South, no traces of her have yet been found. It was denied at the time by the authorities of Lindenwood that a Miss Mathews ever attended their school. The mother explained this while in the city by saying she had gone by the name of Maggie Maflin while in St. Charles.