

BRIDEGROOM-TO-BEIS ARRESTED AS FORGER

**Checks Stolen from Harlem Mail
Boxes in the Pocket of Miss
Fullam's Fiance.**

WEDDING SET FOR SUNDAY

**Detectives Find the License with the
Stolen Checks—She Thought Him
a Prosperous Master Plumber.**

Complaints about thefts of letters, many containing checks that afterward turned up, set Detectives Upton and Allen to watching Harlem mail boxes recently. Last night they arrested William Murphy, a young plumber, of 233 West 129th Street, at Lenox Avenue and 127th Street. He was charged with forgery, and it is believed that he has done at least part of the mail-box robbing.

In his pocket the detectives found a marriage license, dated June 3, 1910, issued to W. J. M. Murphy and Grace C. Fullam of 75 West 127th Street. Edward J. Fullam, President of the Fullam Construction Company, with offices at 103 Park Avenue, lives at 75 West 127th Street. It was his daughter whom the prisoner was to have married.

On the way to the Harlem Detective Bureau the detectives saw young Murphy stick something under his shirt. A search revealed an envelope containing a check for \$613. It was dated June 15, 1910, and was destined for Felipe Girand of 238 West Eleventh Street. It had been sent to him by the International Packing Machine Company.

Asked where he had got the check, Murphy said that William Dubois of 108th Street had given it to him. The detectives found William Dubois, a driver, at 127 East 108th Street, who said that he and his wife had seen Murphy forge an indorsement to the check.

The prisoner was held on the charge of forgery in connection with two other checks. One of these, dated April 25, 1910, for \$25, had been made out to Walter Steinbrecher of 244 West 140th Street. It was drawn on the National City Bank.

The other check was drawn on the National Bank of Commerce, dated April 14, 1910, and was for \$11.62. The prisoner, it was alleged, forged the indorsement of Susan Steinbrecher, Walter Steinbrecher's wife, to whom the check had been made out.

Though her father had discovered the character of young Murphy last Thursday, Miss Fullam did not find out the charges held against him until last night. She was prostrated, and a physician had to be called in to attend her. Their marriage was to have taken place next Sunday at All Saints Church, Madison Avenue and 127th Street. Mr. Fullam succeeded in preventing the announcement there yesterday morning.

At his home, 75 West 127th Street, last night Mr. Fullam said he had tried hard to keep his daughter's engagement to Murphy a secret, but since it had got out he desired that the truth should be known about it.

"About a year ago my daughter met young Murphy at some social affair," he said. "He was introduced to her by good people. It appeared from what he said and from his cards and billheads that he was a boss plumber at 67 East Broadway. I don't know whether to believe now that he had any business at all.

"He was a very agreeable young man, and I took a liking to him. He came twice a week to the house, and finally the engagement was announced. Last Thursday a friend told me that Murphy had been expelled from the Knights of Columbus, and was wanted for forgery. I confirmed that at the Harlem Detective Bureau, and started in to cut off the engagement. My daughter didn't know about it until to-day."