

by his smooth ways. He and his associates have been working their swindling game in this city since 1886 and left Chicago only a few months ago.

HOLMES'S CAREER IN CHICAGO.

He and Pitzel Swindled Many Firms of House Furnishers.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—The police, fire insurance men and those who deal in store, hotel, and house furnishings and in material for construction of houses, would like to see again in this city H. H. Holmes, who is a prisoner in Boston on the charge of conspiring to defraud the Fidelity Mutual Life Association out of \$10,000, for which amount he had insured the life of B. F. Pitzel. Holmes and a woman named Lucy Belknap, who lived at his house as his mother-in-law; another woman who went by the name of Williams, and Pitzel, swindled numerous supply firms and furniture houses out of several thousand dollars by means of getting houses built in the name of Mrs. Belknap, who was represented as a rich widow. When a house was finished and furnished on credit, it would burn, and the victims would have nothing to show for their confidence. Of course, the house would be well insured, and the policies were paid.

Before the fair opened Holmes and his confederates swindled numerous merchants and hotel furnishers out of several thousand dollars' worth of goods by a hotel scheme. One of the large victims, the Tobey Furniture Company, discovered a portion of their property in a bricked-up room of the hotel, after Holmes had left. He had a drug store in Englewood for a time and defrauded all who were deceived.