

# WORE DRUG-LADEN HEELS TO THE TOMBS

**Prisoner's Brother Brought  
Shoes Packed with Heroin  
and Cocaine.**

## BUSINESS HAD FLOURISHED

**Use of Screws Instead of Nails to  
Hold Leather Had Aroused  
Suspicion.**

One of the ways by which drugs are smuggled into the Tombs was uncovered yesterday when John Reggione, a visitor, was found to be wearing a pair of shoes in the heels of which heroin and cocaine were concealed. Reggione had called to see his brother James, a prisoner, and after his arrest, it is charged, evidence was discovered to show that both men were engaged in the unlawful distribution of habit-forming drugs in the prison.

James Reggione was taken early in June in a raid on a drug plant in West Houston Street. In resisting arrest he shot Detective Seylor of Inspector Wakefield's staff and stabbed Harry Gilson, an investigator for the District Attorney. He was arrested after a chase and locked up on two charges of felonious assault and for having drugs.

Those engaged in the suppression of drugs noticed that after Reggione became an occupant of Cell 74, the supply of drugs in the Tombs increased, and they decided that the new prisoner was the distributor. A watch was set to find out how he got his supplies from the outside. Suspicion finally rested upon his brother John. The latter was watched without success. When he arrived yesterday two detectives were waiting and they were sure he had brought a stock of the drugs.

The visitor was taken into a side room and thoroughly searched. No drugs were found on his person. The searchers were about to give up when one of them noticed that Reggione's heels were fastened on with screws instead of nails. The screws were removed and in the hollow of the right heel a package containing about three ounces of white powder was found. Reggione was questioned and he is said to have frankly confessed that the powder was a mixture of heroin and cocaine.

As soon as the discovery was made Commissioner of Correction Katharine B. Davis was sent for. She came post haste from her office in the Municipal Building. She put Reggione through a searching cross-examination. He said that he was bringing the powder to his brother. The Commissioner was not inclined to discuss what the visitor told her.

The result of her questioning was shown when shortly after her arrival keepers went to James Reggione's cell and took him to another part of the building. They then searched the cell thoroughly. Under the bed they found some white powder in a matchbox.

The method of smuggling, the police say, was simple. The Reggione brothers simply traded shoes each time John called at the Tombs, John wearing away a pair of empty heels and leaving a full pair for James.

John Reggione was taken to the Elizabeth Street Station and later to the Tombs Court. He gave his age as 21, and said he lived at 455 West Broadway. His brother James was technically placed under arrest on an additional charge of having drugs in his possession. Both were taken before Magistrate House late in the afternoon and held in \$2,500 each for examination on Friday. In the meantime an analysis will be made of the powders seized.

### Adler's Arrest Due to an Error.

Ernest Adler, a real estate dealer of 1,506 First Avenue, who was arrested on Saturday on a charge of forgery, was discharged in the Yorkville Court by Magistrate Deuel when no one appeared in court to make a complaint against him. His lawyer said the charge was due to a misunderstanding, and that Mr. Adler was a reputable man.