

## A SYRIAN SCRAP

PECULIAR MARRIAGE CUSTOM  
BROUGHT OUT IN A ROW AMONG  
FOREIGNERS.

Jamestown, N. D., Feb. 7.—  
Young Steve Adams, son of Joe  
Adams, one of the Syrian resi-  
dents of this county, was taken  
in charge by the sheriff and af-  
terwards released by the states  
attorney, there being insufficient  
grounds to hold him on the  
charge of assault and battery  
upon his wife.

The woman was 18 years of  
age and was taken to the home  
of her parents, one of whom is  
known as Mark, also known as  
the "king" among them.

The husband of the girl claim-  
ed to have purchased her for  
\$1,625. They have been married  
about a year. The girl's parents  
finally induced her to leave him  
on the grounds of cruelty, and  
took her home with them. The  
husband claimed to have the  
right to his wife, as according to  
the custom of the race her price  
had been duly paid and she be-  
longed to the person who bought  
her.

The parties were released by  
the state's attorney after paying  
the costs of the proceeding and  
seven of them left for Council  
Bluffs and Ohmana, for a trip,  
among them the wife of Steve  
Adams and her father, the king.  
It is not known whether they ex-  
pect to remain or not.