

HER NERVE FAILED

MRS. TOM SUCHLA SWORE OUT A COMPLAINT CHARGING HER HUSBAND WITH ASSAULT AND BATTERY BUT WITHDREW IT BEFORE THE TRIAL.

Tom Suchla was again in the toils this week on a complaint made by his wife charging him with assault and battery. About a year ago Tom was in the same trouble, but he later reformed, took the Keeley cure and made all kinds of promises to be good. But some time ago the appetite that is within him asserted itself and gained the victory, and since that time Tom has not been behaving as becomes a tender and loving husband and father, and his wife and children have been made to suffer by his abuse on several occasions.

Last Sunday morning Tom imbibed too freely of bug juice and then took a notion that he wanted to go to Kensal, contrary to the wishes of his wife. In the altercation that ensued Mrs. Suchla got the worst of the deal and forthwith presented herself before Judge Bouer and wanted to swear out a warrant for Tom. But she was informed by the judge that a warrant could not be issued on Sunday and she was sorrowful. She declared that she dare not live in the house with him, and the judge, in order to alleviate her sorrows, had Tom put in the cooler for the night and the warrant was sworn out on Monday morning. But during the night Tom succeeded in getting out of the jail and it was not until nearly noon that he was again put behind the bars, and a complaint made against him charging him with the crime of jail breaking.

The trial was set for Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, but before the hour arrived Mrs. Suchla had made up her mind that Tom was a faithful and loving husband and she absolutely refused to testify against him and he was dismissed on that charge. But there stood the charge of jail breaking sworn out by the officer and Tom was called on to face that. But he had attorney Lee Combs to defend him and he soon showed to the court that the arrest had been illegal inasmuch as the officer did not have a warrant and was not an eye witness to the offense and therefore his breaking out of the jail was not in violation of law because he was illegally confined, and there was nothing left for Judge Bouer to do but to dismiss him from custody.

Up until this time Mrs. Suchla has had the sympathy of the citizens of Courtenay and there was nothing that they would not have done for her comfort and relief. But all this is changed now and she will be left to face the stern realities of being tied up to a man whom she says she dare not live with, but has not the nerve to prosecute.