

**JOHN KEATING
LIKELY CRAZY**

Captured Early This Morning
Running About Hatless, Coat-
less and Barefooted.

**HELD BY POLICE
FOR EXAMINATION**

Judging from his queer antics at an early hour this morning, John Keating, a man who has been locked up several times by Policeman George Murray for wife beating, is mentally deficient.

According to his own statement in court, his erratic conduct was not due to drink, and after hearing the testimony of Policeman Kleaver, the general opinion was that he was what is known as "bug-house."

About 2.30 this morning Policeman Kleaver stated, while he was patrolling his beat around Broadway and Chestnut street, a wild looking object, hatless, coatless and barefooted, rushed by him at a mad pace. Kleaver called on the man to stop but he kept on running, and it was only after a lively chase that he was overtaken and caught.

Kleaver asked the raille-headed fellow what was the matter with him and he said he had an inspiration.

"What kind of an inspiration?" asked Kleaver.

"The spirit moved me to run for a doctor. My wife's sick."

Recorder Stackhouse inquired if Keating was intoxicated at the time. Kleaver replied that he wasn't.

"What was the matter with you, Keating?" asked the Recorder.

"I can't tell. I have not been drinking for some time."

"Well, what were you doing chasing about the streets in your bare feet at 2 o'clock in the morning?"

"I don't know. I imagined my wife was sick and started out to find Dr. Smith."

"Where does he live?"

"Down Centreville."

Recorder Stackhouse committed Keating to jail for an examination as to his sanity. When returned to his cell, Keating asked Sergeant John Beard what the wood-peckers were doing pecking so early. Sergeant Beard realized that the man was off his base and hummed him good-naturedly.

The supposed drumming of the wood-peckers that the apparently demented man heard was the clattering drilling of a machine used by the structural iron-workers on the elevated railroad at Haddon avenue station.



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