

**THINK A WIFE  
BEATER INSANE**

**John Keating, Arrested  
Several Times, is Out  
of His Mind**

**TO EXAMINE MENTAL CONDITION**

It is now thought that John Keating, 39 years old, of Third and Line streets, who has been arrested three times lately for assault and battery upon his wife, is insane, and he will be held by the police until physicians can make a diagnosis of his mental condition.

The man was arrested by Policeman Kleaver at 2:30 o'clock this morning at Broadway and Berkley street. Keating was walking along the street mumbling incoherently. He was without shoes, hat or coat. Kleaver, seeing that the man was acting queerly, asked:

"Where are you going at this time of the morning?"

"I am going for Dr. Smith, in Centreville. My wife is sick," replied Keating. This did not satisfy the policeman, so he took Keating home and then telephoned for the patrol wagon. Once in his house, Keating dropped on his knees and said:

"A divine spirit inspired me to run for a doctor."

Then his mind wandered and he began to speak of nonsensical things. Mrs. Keating, who was not ill at all, tried to quiet him, but it was useless, and he was taken to the City Hall and locked up.

Keating had been drinking heavily and when under the influence of liquor would beat his wife. The last time he was before Recorder Stackhouse on such a charge he promised to stop drinking. This he did, and it is thought that the sudden abstinence from drink as disturbed his mind.



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