

A RUSSIAN ROMEO AND A NUGGETY NYMPH. GAY GUSSAROFF GETS A GRUELLING.

Suspected Person Sent to Sessions.

About half-past nine on the 8th of this month a Russian named Gussaroff staggered into No. 3 Police Station. His hat, collar, etc., had gone, one shoe was missing, his hair was dishevelled, his face was covered in blood, and generally he presented a battered appearance, and seemed on the verge of collapse.

The police listened to his story, and then visited a house at No. 7 Burnell-place, and arrested Samuel Denis Porter.

On Monday last Porter, who is 20 years of age, was brought

BEFORE MR. HAWKINS, S.M., and charged with assaulting Alexander Gussaroff, and robbing him of a hat, vest, bottle of whisky and money, valued in all at about £5.

Gussaroff, who has been working at Excelsior, near Mudgee, didn't know a great deal about what happened to him at the house.

According to his evidence, he reached Sydney from Excelsior about 6 p.m. on 8th October, had tea, and then tripped off to the 'Loo to view the beauty spots in that salubrious locality. During the

a wrinkle or two, placed a wallet containing about £11 in notes behind a picture in the room. It was a shrewd stratagem. Though he got a belting in the meantime, the police subsequently recovered it for him, and the money was safe inside. Scarcely had he done this than he heard "a gentle voice a' calling", and went upstairs, where, according to Gussaroff's evidence, he found Porter with a vision of loveliness on each side of him.

THE NUGGETY NYMPH

who had accompanied him to the house came to the scene again, and announced that they wanted some liquor. He handed over a bottle of whisky which he had, and while this and other matters were being discussed, his companion slipped off downstairs. After a while he inquired where she had gone, and Porter's reply (so testified Gussaroff) took the form of a blow in the mouth that loosened two teeth, and robbed him of any further interest in the proceedings. When he regained his senses he was lying on the footpath outside

ONLY PARTIALLY CLAD,

and minus every article of value he had about him. Obviously he had been flung into the street while unconscious.

With the assistance of a good Samaritan, who happened to be passing that way, he got to the police station and back to the house. His wallet was recovered, Porter arrested, and he was then taken to the hospital, where he collapsed. Three days later he was discharged.

Sergeant Tom O'Brien said that when

he entered the house by way of a window he found Porter, who was wearing a shirt and pants, reclining on a bed with two

WOMEN IN NIGHT ATTIRE.

When questioned Porter admitted that the Russian had been there earlier in the night; but offered no explanation as to how the staircase and front room came to be dotted with blood. Various articles, such as a shoe, a shirt, and a hat, belonging to Gussaroff, were found under some filthy rags in one of the rooms.

Porter, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial at the November Sessions. Bail was fixed at £40.



ALEXANDER GUSSAROFF.

tour he stumbled across a nuggety nymph, who talked "luv", and that sort of thing, to such good purpose that Gussaroff got his

HEAD IN THE CLOUDS.

Afterwards he put his hand in his pocket and forked out £1 7s to pay for a night's lodging at No. 7 Burnell-place with the nuggety one. On arrival there the lydie went upstairs and Gussaroff, who obviously hasn't travelled all the way out to Australia without learning a wrinkle or two, placed a wallet containing about £11 in notes behind a