

## **SELLING A WIFE.**

**To the Editor.**

Sir,—In reply to the report headed "Selling a Wife" in "The Miner" of Saturday last, I know the facts, and happen to be a countryman of both of those most concerned. In the first instance, as the man was leaving for Australia, the woman pleaded with him very hard to take her with him, promising that she would be a good wife to him. On those conditions he brought her to Australia. After a period of about six months of happiness he grew tired of working at the smelters, and thought he would go back to his own country. He asked this woman if she would go back to Russia with him. She refused point blank, and said she would rather stay in Australia. He asked a relation of his for £40 to take both of them back. I myself am a witness to the receipt. He afterwards went by himself. After he had gone about one week she went and lived with another man, asking him to give her £40 to put in the bank; also half of his fortnight's wages. Of course, he refused. She left him and went with another. What I have written on this paper I can swear to. Every word of this is true. I will forfeit £10 if anyone can prove otherwise.

I am, etc.,

**WILLIAM BERAFF.**