

## WIFE ASSAULTS HUSBAND.

### Thrashing with Paint Pot.

To Messrs. Howe and Testro, J.P.'s, in the Port Melbourne Court on Thursday, David Martinson, a Russian, living in Allen place, Port Melbourne, complained that on the afternoon of April 17 he had been unmercifully beaten by his wife, Parasiova Martinson. He said that he arrived home shortly after his wife, who had been out. For some unaccountable reason she was not pleased to see him, and when his back was turned she savagely attacked him with an implement which, from its effect, could only have been a hatchet. He directed attention to a number of deep cuts in his head, and produced a shirt and collar crimson with blood, which he said had run from the wounds in his head.

Parasiova Martinson (through an interpreter) explained that her husband had come home drunk, and had addressed her in most offensive and threatening terms. He had attacked her, and she had been forced to beat him off with a pot of paint. This evidence was corroborated by Martinson's daughter, who said that her father had expressed an intention to "gouge his wife's eyes out with a hatpin." He had endeavoured to put his plan into execution, but had been effectually frustrated by Mrs. Martinson.

Mr. Howe said that there were doubtless faults on both sides. The Bench decided to adjourn the case for six weeks, and advised Martinson to try to live peacefully with his wife.

Sergeant Vallance.—Take her to the pictures to-night to see Charlie Chaplin.