

MRS. AGUILAR BURNED ALIVE.

A Most Revolting Crime Committed Yesterday.

Abram Aguilar Accused of Pouring Burning Oil on His Wife.

She is Burned to a Crisp from Her Throat to Her Feet—The Story of the Horrid Affair—The Victim of a Brute.

Francisca Silvas, a pretty 16-year-old Spanish girl, is lying in the agony of death at the humble home of her father, John Silvas, at 422 Kührts street.

Burned almost to death, she lies covered with ointment, her flesh literally cooked in places. She cannot recover.

The wretch who caused the poor girl's condition is Abram Aguilar, her husband by law, but not by residence. She lived with him only nine days.

Aguliar yesterday threw burning oil upon the girl with the intent of burning her to death. The fiend is still at large.

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The taking of evidence was concluded last evening. The United States district attorney, George Denis, made a strong argument.

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RICHARDS BOUND OVER.

Held to Answer for Shooting Officer Lennon.

S. P. Richards, one of the highwaymen who held up and robbed a Mr. Hamer in his own store at the corner of Main and Fifteenth streets some time ago, was yesterday held by Justice Austin to appear before the superior court, with bail fixed at \$5000.

Richards was charged with assault with a deadly weapon as one of the robbers shot Officer Lennon who surprised them in the act of holding up Mr. Hamer.

The evidence on Tuesday was very damaging, but yesterday afternoon it was almost conclusive.

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