

A KIDNAPING QUARTET.

Two of Them Caught and the Captive Rescued.

Intelligence was conveyed to Chief of Police Crowley on Thursday last by Colonel Bee and Mrs. Otis Gibson that a bold and successful attempt to kidnap a Chinese woman had been made in the Chinese quarters. Four armed Chinese highlanders had stolen at daylight on that day into the house No. 617 Jackson street, between Kearny and Dupont, where lived a cook of the name of Mah Ah Jim and his wife, Ah Sun. The four determined villains leveled their pistols at the head of the husband, and threatened him with death if he should dare to utter a cry. The husband was so terrified that he interposed no resistance whatever when they bundled off the twenty-six-year-old piece of Mongolian loveliness. Ah Sun was placed in a carriage, which was drawn up in front of the house. The curtains were pulled down, and the vehicle, the four kidnapers and their captive drove off. Chief Crowley perceived that this was a case requiring immediate attention, and giving Detectives Avon and Cox strict injunctions, started them off to ferret out the four Chinese and rescue the woman. The first clue obtained by the detectives was that the carriage in which the woman was driven off was numbered 120 and owned by Dennis Murphy. The knight of the whip was found. Being asked his connection with the matter, he answered: "I hauled the load and I insured the load. I was paid for it, and I wouldn't tell ——— where I dumped it." He could not be persuaded to alter his mind, and the detectives left him with anything but a good impression of hack-drivers generally. The detectives were then thrown on their own resources. They ascertained that the hack left the house on Jackson street about 6 o'clock in the morning, then drove along Stockton street, down Washington and into Church alley, where a stoppage of some ten minutes was made. From there the route was taken up again and the woman was driven to a Chinese vegetable garden somewhere in the vicinity of the cannery, as she believes, but is not certain, as the lanes of the wagon were kept down all the time. At any rate, she remained over night at this vegetable garden, and early on Friday morning she was hauled into a Chinese huckster's cart and taken to the Potrero. In a cabin built on stakes over the receding waters of Potrero flat the Chinese employer of the soap and candle factory in that obnoxious vicinity make their headquarters. To this cabin, which is distant some 100 feet from the shore and can only be reached by a narrow gang-plank, supported on stakes, the stolen woman was taken, and to this semi-aquatic resort the persevering detectives traced here. About noon on Friday the castle containing the fair almond-eyed dame was assaulted. She was discovered in the charge of two of her captors. As soon as the detectives entered the kidnappers hid themselves behind the cotton hangings of the bunks which lined the one room of the house. They were hurried out and the trio were brought into town. The woman has been cared for, but not in her husband's house. Against the respective names of Chung Ah Kit and Wong Ah Kit, two of the four kidnapers, were entered yesterday upon the prison register charges of felony—the kidnaping, false imprisonment of the woman, and finally the assault upon the husband with the pistols. Though well known, the other two kidnapers have thus far managed to keep out of the clutches of the police.