

ATTEMPTED OUTRAGE.

A RUFFIAN ASSAULTS A GIRL IN THE RIVERSIDE TUNNEL.

She Uses an Umbrella as a Weapon and Forces Him to Release Her—A Beawood Field—A Serious Charge.

A daring attempt at outrage took place Tuesday afternoon at Beawood. The place where the outrage was attempted was the tunnel through the hill near the Riverside Iron Works. This is used by persons living out Boggs' run, as it shortens the distance about one mile. It is dark and narrow, and it is remarkable that more crimes have not been committed, as the place is dangerous at best. The tunnel is an old quarry which, when worked, extended almost to the run on the west, and was opened by people living in that vicinity and used as a means of reaching Beawood and the motor line.

About one o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Miss Mamie Koebler, a 17 year old daughter of Henry Koebler, the well known heater at the Riverside Mill, started through the tunnel for Beawood. He lives about a mile west of the mouth. When in some distance she was accosted by a short, heavy man, with a black mustache. She attempted to pass him, but he seized her and dragged her into one of the rooms branching off from the corridor. She screamed lustily for help, and struggled in the arms of her assailant. She carried an umbrella in her hand, with which she struck him in the face, using the sharp end. The ruffian was compelled to release Miss Koebler, and she struck him again, knocking him over a rock.

Thus freeing herself, Miss Koebler retraced her steps, while her assailant called to her to stop, saying he would show her the way out. She made her way back to her home, where she told the story of the assault. Her dress was torn, a gash cut in her knee and her face scratched. Otherwise she was uninjured. Late in the afternoon the Beawood police were notified. Marshal Gocke found a man's hat in the chamber where the struggle occurred.

Armed with the description given by the girl, he arrested a man living out the Run. Miss Koebler was sent for, but did not recognize him as her assailant. There is no clue to the man, but the Beawood police are doing all in their power to apprehend the guilty party.

Some time ago a movement was started to provide lights for the tunnel, but little interest was taken in it. The tunnel is used by men coming and going to work, as well as by female members of their families. A few lamps placed at different points in the tunnel would lessen the danger to persons who choose to pass through it.