

It is surprising how with the zealousness of the police and others involved and with the use of persuasion and suggestion they were able to influence persons into believing that by dragging me from my home and beating me, then locking me up in jail, that "actually they had done the best thing for me and after all it was all in the line of "duty." But is it their duty to beat a woman "after" she is handcuffed and helpless? Is it their "duty" to attempt to strip her, even if she is in their custody?

Thanks to a few loyal friends, who spent a great deal of their time and money to get me out of that "hell hole", I can now care for my children and my home. But how do you go about proving that you never were insane? It's like trying to prove that you never committed murder or robbery after you have served time for it.

We kept our children out of school because of subversive elements which we could prove. Now the papers with our most convincing proof have been stolen. Our children were not deprived of an education, which can be proved by the fact that after missing a year of school, our little girl went back to school and passed at the head of her class. Her teacher said that she didn't even have to try. As we had violated no law we couldn't be arrested, so they had no alternative but to use their power to lock us in an insane asylum.

The local authorities have made dictators of themselves instead of public servants when they can take a whole family and separate them and do with each member as they see fit. We have been married for thirteen years and have lived in this city all of our lives. My husband paid off his father's bills before he got married and took on the responsibility of a family. We started saving money immediately for the home that we now have. We built this home with our own hands, all of the way from the foundation up. We worked hard and diligently. We have paid off all of our debts and don't ask for handouts, however at the same time neither do we want people to stick their noses into our affairs. We don't need people who can't even handle their own business to try to run us into debt and force us to lose our home, because they force us to undergo expensive hospitalization then send us the bill. We cannot afford to pay bills that others make. What is the idea of this outrage? Will our children have to suffer now for the rest of their lives, with the dark cloud hanging over their heads of being descendants of a person who is mentally ill?

My home was broken into and my purse was stolen along with vital papers. These people have used every kind of slander, lies and exaggerations to cloud our reputation. How much suffering, shame and humiliation does one have to endure because they love their home and country? Once the label of insane is pinned on you, you are looked on as being insane whether you are or not. They say that a person is assumed innocent until proven guilty, but in insanity cases you are assumed insane until, they can break you down to prove that you are. There is no chance to defend yourself against your accusers because that's kept secret. There is no alternative because you can't defend yourself against accusations that don't exist, or are distorted. You have no opportunity to learn the lies that are reported against you so you only feel the blow from them.

In Kenosha Hospital where I was taken from the city jail, I was placed in the "men's" ward. There was a little hole in the door, just large enough that anyone looking in from the outside could see the whole room, but those inside can only see a nose and eyes. I was told that this was an observation hole so that I could be watched at all times. As I said before I was in the men's ward so-o-o of course they are only human. So the patients took turns peeking in. Along with cops and visitors and nurses, well whoever took a notion to peek in. As it was a hospital the nurses insisted on bathing me, I objected because I don't like men watching while I take a bath. But I was told that I would, "Just have to get used to it," and instead of getting a screen to put in front of the door they just got more people to help. There was no bathroom either and the observation hole is for observation so I was denied even privacy here. After all I am a human being and I do con-