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to stay away from his wife. Continued Baker, "... but Gray persisted in his attentions until he, (Baker) like any other man under such circumstances, could not longer stand the pressure."

Today the husband's description of finding his wife and Gray sounds quaint. "He stated that he found the culprits lying under a tree near the cut all hugged up ... and admitted to the attack."

In spite of the prevailing sentiment in the courtroom, Baker was found guilty of assault and battery. But Mayor Hadley had the last word by saying, "he was sorry that it was necessary to fine Mr. Baker, that the law must be obliged, although it did seem that any man was justified in pursuing such a course when such a calamity befell his home."