

TOMMY ATKINS, A WOMAN

Unhappy Wife "Marries" Another Woman While Masquerading as a Man.

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LONDON, Aug. 20.—(By Mail).—

Called to the colors as a man, a woman who had masqueraded in male attire and pretended to be married to another woman so her husband could not find her, was forced to acknowledge her sex before the army medical board today.

Unhappy married six years ago and her two babies dead, this woman left her husband and, so she could get work, masqueraded as a man and "married" her boarding house keeper's daughter.

The circumstances of the "marriage" were astounding. Having a real man sweetheart who had betrayed and deserted her, the landlady's daughter faced real trouble. She told the man-woman, who had confessed the disguise to her and her mother. So they were "married" and took a cottage in London. When the baby was born none of the neighbors suspected but that the "husband" was its father.

The "family" lived this way for four years and had it not been for the Conscription Act, the ruse might never have been discovered. Her plea for exemption from service on the ground of "indispensability" having failed and, facing a medical examination by the officials, she confessed.