SHOOTING AFFRAY

East Fremantle Sensation

WOMAN WOUNDED

No 85 George-street, East Fremantle, was the scene yesterday afternoon shortly after five o'clock, of a sensational shooting as the result of which Mrs. Lucy Cleo Jean Hitchcock (27) is now in the Fremantle Hospital under treatment for a bullet wound in the face. Shortly after the occurrence her husband, Harold William Hitchcock (28), a lumper, was arrested by Constables Duperouzel and Wightman on a charge of shooting with intent to kill. This morning he was remanded in custody for eight days on that charge, by the R.M. (Mr. J. J. Craig).

DOMESTIC INFELICITY.

The Hitchcock family comprises, in addition to the father and mother, five children, the eldest of whom is seven years old and the youngest about 12 months. In June last, Mrs. Hitchcock was granted an order for separation and maintenance with the custody of the children. On Wednesday of last week Mrs. Hitchcock applied to the Children's Court for the children to be placed in the care of the State. The application was opposed by the Department and the case was adjourned for a week.

VISIT TO WIFE.

Hitchcock, who has been residing in Atfield-street, South Fremantle, went to his wife's home yesterday afternoon. What transpired at the interview is not known, but passers-by were startled by the report of a gun, which was followed immediately by a woman rushing into the street, bleeding from a wound in the face near the mouth. She was carried into a neighbor's house, and subsequently removed to the hospital in the ambulance. It was found that the bullet had lodged in the back of her neck. It was reported that Hitchcock left the house soon after the shooting and entered a nearby shop, with a small revolver in his hand. The weapon was taken from him, and when the police arrived Hitchcock was sitting on a chair in the shop. On inquiry at the hospital this morning it was ascertained that Mrs. Hitchcock's condition was satisfactory.