

the time that it was the result of an attempt to produce abortion, I thought it was accidental. I always thought the family too respectable to suspect them of anything of the kind. I cannot tell what poison would have produced it, unless narcotico-irritant poison. Arsenic could not have produced it. I heard first of the box (received by Wood,) from a woman who had heard me maligned—in fact I was maligned constantly both privately and in the newspapers in connection with the case,—she told me because she heard me maligned and because she was satisfied I was right. I do not know and cannot tell whether the poison was in the oatmeal or not.

The Doctor was here examined as to the *post mortem*. He said :

As to the *post mortem* examination, the bodies were identified ; but very little could be elicited owing to their extreme state of decomposition. We examined all the organs except the brain. We examined the uterus ; we detached the stomach, liver and intestines of Sarah Jordan, and the stomach of Anne Jordan, which we have brought here. The uterus (*the womb*) of Sarah appeared to me like that of one who had miscarried—it seemed to me, like a large sac, the cavity of the pelvis was filled with blood.

(The witness was here contradicted by Dr. Rattray who said that the pelvis was not filled with blood. The witness then said “It was two-thirds full, at all events.” Dr. Rattray again contradicted him and said that it was not, and that what fluid was present, was merely *bloody serum* which had drained from the bowels during the *post mortem*, in fact *was not blood at all*. The witness then resumed his description of the *post mortem* appearances.)

The state of decomposition was too great to enable me to speak positively, but there appeared to be general inflammation of the stomach, which seemed to be in a better state of preservation than the liver and uterus—there was diffused redness throughout the outside of the stomach of Sarah—near the cardiac orifice of the stomach of Anne Jordan, there seemed to be very marked redness. Nothing further of importance was visible. We did not examine the brain, owing to the extreme state of decomposition, but we did examine the thorax, and a very disagreeable job it was.

In answer to questions by one of the jury, the witness said : I did not, at my first visit, order the matter vomited to be preserved, *because I gave up the case*. I did direct them, at my second visit, to preserve the matter vomited, although I no longer considered them my patients.

Dr. Charles Rattray, deposed ; I was sent for on the 17th and went to see, about sunrise, I think about 5 o'clock, on the 18th, the deceased