

three or four days in sherry, several days have been consumed without reducing more than one half or two thirds the quantity submitted for grinding. The same gentleman considers the wine of the seeds most energetic, and most reliable.

The wine of the Corm is the only one officinal in the B. P. One made according to the formula of Dr. Williams, and containing two ounces of the seeds to the pint is used in Great Britain. And when *Vin. Colch. Seminis* is ordered, this preparation is understood—there. The U. S. P. Preparation of the seeds is made with 4 ounces to the pint.

The wine used by the victims in the late poisoning case was made from 4 ounces of the seeds, according to the U. S. P. In referring to the cases mentioned by Guy & Taylor in their works, the wine of the Corm will be understood unless otherwise mentioned.

It appears from the evidence which I was enabled to obtain by questioning the poisoned persons, and afterwards confirmed under oath at the Coroner's inquest, that the Winchester flask, containing the wine of *Colchicum* (which is now before you) was stolen from an Express van in Alexander street, about seven o'clock, on the evening of the 24th November, by the man Flaherty accompanied by the boy Willie Hauky, and brought to the residence of these people in Tabb's yard, off Hermine street. They all tasted of it, and judging from the appearance of the flask and the way in which it was done up, as also from the acrid taste, decided it to be unfit to drink,—placed it on a shelf, and did not again resort to it until the following Wednesday the 26th November. Several of the family had on this day attended the funeral of an infant child of William Hauky, (deceased), and on their return had entered the dwelling of Edward Hauky. Then, liquor being asked for, this bottle was produced, and on the recommendation of William Hauky (deceased) who declared it to be the best description of Port, was freely partaken of by the