

death, but she passed out of this world through the effects of opium, having at the same time an amount of arsenic in her stomach which must have produced death. To his (Mr. Galt's) mind, Dr. Nichol's evidence proved entirely the reverse of what he intended. He said he took arsenic for twenty-one days—that for the first eight days he did not feel much effect from it. But afterwards he began to suffer from the effects, with all the symptoms of arsenical poisoning. If that were so, and if his theory were correct, that arsenic would accumulate, he must have had six or seven grains in his system. If the effect of the poison was accumulative, this would have killed him, as two grains and a half would produce fatal effects. Mr. Galt here quoted cases from books which Mr. Cameron had used, against this cumulative theory. Professor Hempel, who was brought here on the part of the defence, said he never knew the cumulative effects of arsenic to produce death, though he had read of such cases. The way in which the prisoner had spoken to his wife of her disease, saying that she could not survive her confinement; that he wished her to tell her mother of her trouble, lest she should drop off suddenly, when it might be considered strange, next passed in review. Then the learned counsel read the letters produced on the first day of the trial, and asked the jury to notice the important fact that King's letter to Miss Vandervoort was dated the 10th of October. That although he said in that letter that “— was very ill,” evidently alluding to his wife, she was not sick until four days afterwards. When Mrs. King died, why did the prisoner run away? There was no charge made against him. And when he did determine to abscond, why did he go to Vandervoort's—why did he take that girl with him to Cape St. Vincent? Was that the conduct of a man who believed he had treated his wife medicinally with arsenic? When at St. Vincent a United States officer, altogether unknown to him, asked at the door of the house if there was anyone there from Brighton, and immediately the prisoner jumped through a window, and made for the woods. Was that conduct consistent with innocence? Did it not show a guilty knowledge in the man's mind? The learned gentleman concluded by recapitulating the heads of his arguments in a clear and concise form, which could not fail to impress them upon the minds of the jury.

His LORDSHIP in charging the jury remarked that the question had been so fully laid before them by the learned counsel, that there remained but little for him to say, beyond reading the evidence and making such few remarks as seemed necessary. It was his opinion that Barker was right respecting the cork not being in the bottle until the morning when he took it down to Kingston. Professor Croft said that there was but slight signs of inflammation; although it usually followed the administration of arsenic, six or eight hours after death. This was certainly a circumstance in favour of the prisoner, but it must also be taken into consideration that another medical witness said that this would not be the case in all circumstances. The learned Judge then read out without any remark the evidence, until he came to that of Mrs. Lawson, the mother of the deceased, which, he said, required much careful consideration. The jury would remember that she, having the idea that the prisoner occasioned the death of her daughter, might be expected to entertain some feeling against him. The jury would see how far her testimony was borne out by other witnesses, and how much they could unreservedly accept. With respect to the fall from the buggy, according to the mother, it affected her daughter very little, and she drove on to Conseccon the same day. She did not complain of any illness until three weeks after this—about six weeks before her death. It was important to note the exact position of affairs, because much stress was laid upon the matter for the defence. Mr. Lawson said that the prisoner had declared to him in the presence of his wife, (the deceased) that she must die; that she could not survive her con-