

*amined*—My father ate his supper on the night of Wednesday before he got sick; he ate peas for his supper: he never went about his business after that Thursday, *Re-examined*—The supper of peas was a usual one.

To the Jury—My father had never had all those symptoms before; (he also had purging mixed with blood).

To the Court—During the first week he never went out; he never could have gone to Walsh's ground to keep.

Surgeon Boyd examined—I attended Simon Power; I saw him on the 6th of September; I prescribed for him on the 3rd for a sore mouth; I found him lying in a bed on the ground with a profuse flow of saliva from his mouth, with a most disagreeable odor; his tongue very much swollen, and partly protruding, indented at the sides and thickly coated; the gums were ulcerated, mouth generally swelled, with several whitish stains on it, with ulceration of the palate behind the teeth; the face was swollen and red; he complained of great inability to swallow; he could not eat, and spoke with difficulty; his pulse was excited; I got him taken out of bed to examine his body to see if he had been rubbing his body with ointment; I could detect nothing; I asked him if he had been taking medicine; he said not, but that that day week he got something from the prisoner in whiskey that was not right—that immediately after getting the whiskey he became sick—that he was not able to remain that day; that off and on he was in that day; that on swallowing the whiskey it had a queer burning taste, and felt a burning in his mouth and throat: that about the third day his mouth became salivated and continued so; that he had a pain in his stomach; the chief pain he complained of was about the mouth and head, and he had never used any mercurial preparation, except four years before when he was in a fever; that he had frequently drunk whiskey without any ill effects from it, and was in rude health before he took the whiskey; I saw him again on the 8th 10th and 13th; the salivation continued, but the vomiting not so frequent; he was weaker on the 13th; there was a flow of blood from his mouth on the 13th; from the symptoms I perceived I think he died from the effect of mercury; it could have been administered by an

ointment rubbed to the body, or by its being given in a drink; I consider it must have been administered to him in drink from what he had said. *Baron Pennefather*—You are at liberty to say from the appearances or non-appearances whether you think it was administered externally or internally. *Witness*—I believe it was administered internally: corrosive sublimate is soluble in whiskey, and would not colour the drink, or have any smell; it would have a dry caustic taste, like as if a man got a taste of lime when in a kiln; from the symptoms, and from what the man said, I believe he came by his death from corrosive sublimate taken inwardly; it is a deadly poison; I made a post-mortem examination in order to send the stomach and its contents up to Dublin to be analyzed; a portion of the stomach was also sent up; the liver, kidneys, and spleen were sent to him on a second occasion; I gave the first parts to Sub-Inspector Rogers, and the second to Constable Coghlan; they were sealed up in a jar; on opening the belly the peritoneum was healthy, but the mesentery was red; the inspection of the body gave me no additional evidence, but my object was rather to remove the contents to have them analyzed; there was a dull slaty appearance in the stomach, the consequence of inflammation; the longer the person lives the less appearances of the poison after death. *To Baron Pennefather*—I consider the man to have died from weakness, the corrosive sublimate interfering with the digestive organs, and also from hæmorrhage. *Cross-examined*—Cholera and dysentery were very prevalent through the country at the time; he was a stout, strong, well-built man, not likely to be affected by dysentery; I attended him for the mercurial salivation; the first effects of corrosive sublimate when given in large quantities are to produce a burning taste in the mouth, and vomiting; the deceased described as accurately as any medical man the effects which would follow the taking of this poison, and I was confirmed in my belief of what he had taken by finding an ignorant man describing day by day with the utmost accuracy what symptoms should follow the administration of corrosive sublimate; all the appearances could not have followed from the administration of bad whiskey, in