

remedy which ought properly to be administered. The case of a Swedish sailor, to whom strychnine had been administered in this way, was here quoted; and a celebrated French writer—whose name Mr. Cameron did not give, said that in the same way as lead might cumulate in the system, and produce paralysis and death, so might arsenic. Beeksmith was quoted to the same effect. Mr. Cameron then dwelt upon the contrary opinions given on this point at the trial of Palmer, in England, where the physicians of the old school were not opposed by homœopathsists, but by allopathists, and were divided one against the other. Amid these conflicting opinions, Mr. Cameron continued, you gentlemen must consider, whether there is anything consistent with the innocence of the prisoner. The last witness who was called said that the prisoner told him that he had not treated his wife with arsenic at all. When first questioned he said, the statement was made in such a way as to convey the meaning that it had not been administered in poisonous doses. Evidently he had mistaken the import of the prisoner's words. We had evidence that the deceased was troubled with a copious discharge which might have been caused by an irritation of the *vagina*. The prisoner requested his wife to allow Dr. Fife to make a personal examination, but her delicacy shrank from it. She had confidence in her husband, and under these circumstances was not willing the examination should take place. From the beginning to the end of the case, we have not one word to show that these parties lived unhappily together; that any jealousy or bickerings existed between them. Not one single word, not one single syllable of that sort. If the case had stood entirely here, I would have felt it was unnecessary to go further into this matter. But, gentlemen, men are often foolish; and the prisoner at the bar has acted foolishly. What does press against the prisoner is the fact of the letters which have been read to you, having been found in the possession of the prisoner. We can scarcely understand how the parents of that young girl allowed her to be taken away to a foreign country in the dead of night, by a man who was to them a perfect stranger. The only thing which can be said, is, that the prisoner did not dishonour the girl, because we have the fact proved that no improper intimacy took place. We have also proved that these two were only acquainted a little more than three weeks before the death of the prisoner's wife, and yet his supposed affection for this young woman is assigned as the reason which induced him to get rid of his wife. The learned counsel in forcible language urged the improbability of the prisoner being actuated to commit so great a crime from so slight a motive, and after a glance at the efforts made by him to elevate himself above the condition of a mere tiller of the soil, concluded by appealing to the jury to weigh well the evidence and to give his client the benefit of any reasonable doubt that might exist.

Mr. GALT replied—When addressing the jury yesterday, he had not felt it necessary in the discharge of his duty to press the case before he had clearly and distinctly laid all the evidence before the court. It was now before them, and it became his painful duty to draw their attention to the facts. He would take up the arguments of his learned friend as he had delivered them. Mr. Cameron had first commented upon the way in which the stomach had been delivered to Professor Croft. But every one single particular, required by Taylor for the purpose of preserving the stomach in the state that it was when taken from the body, had been complied with. The Coroner said that the bottle in which the stomach was placed, was first of all washed out by himself. Taylor laid it down that the vessels in which the intestines were placed should be clean. There was a slight discrepancy between the Coroner's evidence and that of Dr. Barker, but it seemed probable that the Coroner's version was the correct one. For this reason: he said he placed the stomach in a bottle, which bottle he corked, and over the cork he tied a piece