

He also went on to say :—

"He then delivered her the bottle and a box of pills, with printed directions, telling her to do all deponent should tell her. Turning to deponent, he said that is £5. I rely upon you for that, and bring me customers. Come back in a fortnight, and you will find all has disappeared."

Of the character of the medicine administered, we have the evidence of an expert druggist and of a well-known physician of this city, both duly qualified to speak on such a subject to the extent justified by the present state of knowledge :—

John Birks sworn :—"I am a chemist and a druggist in this city. On the twenty-third day of September instant, I received a bottle of medicine from Benjamin Delisle, High Constable of Montreal, for the purpose of analysing it, and to find out what it was composed of. After a careful examination of the contents of that bottle, I found that it contained some black hellebore or hellebore, and a small quantity of syrup. This black hellebore is a medicine which druggists never sell without the prescription of a medical man, for it is well known as a very strong medicine used to cause miscarriage. I have also examined very carefully three pills which I also got from the High Constable, and I found that they were composed of Cayenne pepper, aloes, oil of savine and cantharides. I am aware that the oil of savine, aloes and the cantharides have the effect of causing a miscarriage."

Dr. Sutherland's evidence came next, in it occurs the following :—

Question.—From that evidence do you suppose these medicines, if taken by a woman in a state of pregnancy, would produce abortion ?

Answer.—Yes ; if in sufficient dose, or long enough continued.

Ques.—What ingredients do you suppose entered into the composition of the pills ?

Ans.—Aloes, chiefly, at least two other things of importance of which not certain, possibly cayenne pepper and some essential oil.

Ques.—At what stage of pregnancy would these pills likely produce abortion ?

Ans.—At any stage.

Ques.—How many pills did you examine ?

Ans.—One ; quite sufficient.

Ques.—Do you suppose that one pill would produce abortion ?

Ans.—Certainly not.

Ques.—As you are not certain of the ingredients contained in the pill which you examined, how can you say that a certain quantity of such pills would, if taken in sufficient doses, produce abortion ?

Ans.—I said I was certain of the aloes, which of themselves were quite sufficient.

Ques.—How long should aloes be taken, and in what doses, to produce abortion ?

Ans.—The dose and period of taking the medicine are uncertain.

Ques.—Would two such pills taken three times a week be sufficient to cause abortion taken for two weeks ?