

to articulate, but I was mistaken—in about half an hour she began to sink rapidly; the breathing became more difficult, and the spasms increased, particularly in the right hand, the thumb of which was forced through between the fingers, across the palm. I then turned my attention to her mother, the deceased Anne Jordan, but as I found she could not swallow, I made no attempt to do anything for her. On making inquiry as to the history of her case, I was told that she was asleep at the time Sarah was attacked; that they awakened her to get the bed for Sarah: that she got up *quite well*, and procured a light; that she came to the door to look at Sarah, who was then lying in the cook-shed; that she then fell, but got up almost immediately and sat down on the stairs inside the door-step; that she got up after a minute or so when she felt again and was assisted to the rocking-chair; shortly afterwards she fell into that state of stupor in which Dr. Dickinson found her. When I first saw her she was insensible; she had lost the power of one side; her eyes were shut, I did not see them open; she pressed my hand, but I cannot say that it was from consciousness. I attended Mrs. Jordan three or four times previously, I am positive as to three times for paralysis. The symptoms were the same as those presented at this last attack, but not so severe. She always vomited, and as in this last fatal attack, the paralysis followed an apoplectic fit. Twenty-four hours, generally, had elapsed in her former illness, before I was called to see her—during these attacks she always articulated with great difficulty, and was unconscious in the beginning—So I was told, for she was always more or less conscious when I first saw her.

By the Coroner.—I never heard any cause such as fright, assigned. This last attack was of the same kind as the former ones—but more violent.—She did not void any urine until after I had administered Nitrate of Potassa—I cannot say whether there was any retention or unusual flow of urine in former attacks. I do not now recollect perfectly. She never thoroughly recovered from the effects of the first attack; her mind has always been weak since; so have been her limbs on the right side. I gave Sarah ten grains of Calomel to act upon her bowels—it had the desired effect, and produced three or four copious bilious stools; the dejections were shewn me when I returned in the evening—I remained, at my first visit, until about mid-day,—I returned again in the evening at about eleven o'clock and found Dr. Dickinson there. I had a conversation with him. He told me that he had not said they were poisoned intentionally, but accidentally. We did not agree as to the cases: he held one opinion, I another. I asked him if he had directed the matter vomited to be preserved, he said not, I then called Mrs. Barlow and