

eral forty drops in two teaspoonfuls of water at 1 o'clock; he remained some time to see the effect of the first medicine he gave General K.; General Ketchum made efforts to get out of bed; that was a few minutes after Dr. Williams had left; think Dr. Williams remained longer than fifteen minutes; we compared our watches and it wanted a few minutes of 12 o'clock; Dr. Williams said he would return, but don't remember that he said he would return at 12 o'clock; ten or fifteen minutes after the dose was given to General K. by Mrs. Wharton he began to put his hands to the back of his neck, his throat, his chest and his stomach, as described yesterday; no blood ran down from his throat, but it was scratched with his nails so as to draw the blood; the telegram to General Brice was given to Mrs. Loney at the time she came up with the tumbler; it was sent between 12 and half-past 12; Gen. Brice was a brother-in-law of Gen. Ketchum; think I said to Mrs. Wharton when I told her it was not time to give General K. medicine that it was not time, "at all events;" I smiled when I handed the watch to her finally, and I used the words "as you are so anxious."

Mrs. Hutton was now allowed to retire from the witness stand, and Mr. Syester called Dr. P. C. Williams, who, being sworn, testified as follows:

I reside in Baltimore, and am a physician there; have practiced there eighteen years; hold no official connection with any medical institution; did not know General K. until I saw him at Mrs. Wharton's on the 25th of June last; saw him in the afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock; he was sitting on a sofa in a third story room of Mrs. Wharton's house; he was much nauseated, and had a weak, rapid pulse, and vomited every few moments; I ordered him to bed, and prescribed two drops of creosote and a tablespoonful of lime water, and that to be repeated every two hours until he was relieved; think I gave the direction to Mrs. Hutton, but am not positive; Mrs. Hutton was alone in the room when I arrived; saw no one else there; took the prescription to Gosman's, and sent the medicine; did not see the medicine administered; saw him the next morning at about 10 o'clock; that was Tuesday morning; reached his door and found it ajar, and saw that he was asleep, made sufficient noise to wake him; he said he was much better, and expressed his determination to return to Washington that morning; he said he had intended returning with Mrs. Chubb, but had overslept himself; he said he had been waked by Mrs. Chubb knocking at the door and asking him if he was ready; as far as I remember his reply was that he would join her later in the day; gave him no medicine, as we both agreed that it was not necessary; he insisted upon paying me; I left him, expecting him to leave for Washington; saw him again on Wednesday morning, having received a message from Mrs. Wharton, through a servant, about 10 o'clock, that he was worse, and she desired me to come at once to see him; found him lying on a sofa on his right side, his feet supported by a chair, and his face turned to the back of the sofa; after failing to arouse him by speaking I touched him to arouse him, but he made no reply, and a slight convulsive tremor passed over him, from head to foot; the room being dark I pushed open the shutters to examine him more minutely; upon examination I found his head and face very much congested; his face was red; not a bluish red, but

of a color suggesting a purple tinge; roused him and asked how he was; he replied, "tolerably," and then relapsed into his previous condition; addressed him some commonplace questions to test him, and I got a muttered reply, and he relapsed again into the same state; he said nothing about his sufferings, and I don't think he was capable of speaking a sentence; decided to put him to bed, and called Mr. Hutton; let his feet fall from a chair upon which they rested, and raised him to a sitting posture; he was unable to walk to the bed; we raised him to his feet; when I got him to his feet I was surprised to find his arms and legs were stiff and rigid, and being taller than either of us he stooped; we had to slide his feet along, and in that way got him into bed; we sat him upon the edge of the bed, lifted his feet and put him in bed; have no recollection of his saying anything or uttering any sound after we took him from the sofa; we undressed him and I ordered ice to be applied to his head; wrote a prescription for a half ounce of the tincture of yellow jasmine, and gave directions on the prescription—"forty drops every two hours in two teaspoonfuls of water;" Mr. and Mrs. Hutton were present when I gave the direction; reached Mrs. Wharton's about 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning; wrote the direction on the prescription; went down stairs to notify Mrs. Wharton of General Ketchum's illness, and converse about the propriety of telegraphing for his friends or relatives; told her of General Ketchum's condition; asked her if there were any near relatives who she thought should be notified; it was between half-past 10 or 11 o'clock; Mrs. Wharton said she would immediately notify General Brice; Mrs. Wharton asked me if Mr. Hutton had given me a bottle she had entrusted to him to give to me, and I told her he had; produced it and she asked me if I did not think it contained laudanum. [Here Dr. W. handed to Mr. Syester a small bottle.] I told her I thought it had contained laudanum; she then detailed the circumstances under which that bottle had been found, and asked that the fact of its having been found ought not to be known further than was necessary, as it might give rise to an unpleasant impression that General Ketchum had killed himself; she said the bottle had been found the evening before; she then went on to say that she and the servant, Susan, had gone to the General's room to make up his bed, and requested the General to change his position from the bed to the sofa, and that as Susan pulled off the bed clothes something rolled upon the floor; General Ketchum called out, "look out, you will break my watch;" she looked and saw the watch on his person; they completed the making of the beds, and left the General lying on the sofa; she went on to say that some time afterwards Susan came and said, "You know, Mrs. Wharton, something fell out of the bed, and the General thought it was his watch, but I afterwards went up to see what it was and found this bottle"—giving her the bottle; the bottle is precisely now as when I first took it; on the cork was printed "Coleman & Rogers;" there is such a drug house on Baltimore street, between Light and Calvert streets; it is probably a mile and a quarter from Mrs. Wharton's; after this conversation I returned to General Ketchum's room, and finding the medicine had been brought I asked Mrs. Hutton to bring me a tablespoon and a teaspoon, and she went for them; the General was at that time in a semi-comatose state; my first impression was that he had congestion