

Harry W. Snowden was first called, and testified—I have been a resident of Baltimore for the past three years; I am slightly acquainted with Mrs. Wharton; I first met her last spring; I did not know General K. personally; I saw him on Saturday, June 24th, on the Washington train; I took the train at Laurel Station, and my attention was attracted to General K. and Mrs. Chubb, who were pleasantly engaged in conversation; we got in the same street car, and they got out at Biddle street; General Ketchum seemed very well; I next saw them at Mrs. Wharton's house the following Monday; I next saw General K. on Wednesday, June 28th, at about 12 or a quarter past 12; I was summoned from the room of a sick man in the house by Mrs. Wharton to go to General K.'s room; she said he was sick, and it was thought advisable to have a gentleman with him; immediately upon my being called out Dr. Williams came, and I went up with him; I followed Dr. Williams into General K.'s room; I took my seat by his bedside, and did not vacate it, except at one time to aid Dr. Williams in moving him; when I first saw him he struck me as being a very sick man; he was quite quiet, however, and I only observed some little twitching of his fingers; I remained by his bedside holding his left hand; I cannot say positively that Mrs. Wharton entered the room when I did; shortly after half-past 12 o'clock Mrs. Wharton stated to Mrs. Hutton that she had prepared the medicine for General K. as the physician had prescribed for him; I did not see her drop the medicine; I only heard her say to Mrs. Hutton that she had dropped it; I do not remember how long Mrs. Wharton had been in the room before she made that remark to Mrs. Hutton; during Mrs. Hutton's absence I observed Mrs. Wharton at the bureau in a stooping position, and I suppose she was dropping the medicine; she had the medicine in a teacup; as well as I remember it was about twenty minutes of 1 o'clock when she proposed to give the medicine or asked the time; I remember hearing her say that as he had been eased or relieved by the former dose, that she would like to give the next dose; she inquired the time of Mrs. Hutton, who told her that the time had not arrived, and that 1 o'clock was the hour named by Dr. Williams; in a few moments more she inquired the time, and I said: "Time appears long when one is anxious;" after Mrs. Wharton had inquired the time again, Mrs. Hutton passed her watch to her; I handed it to her; at about five minutes to 1 Mrs. Wharton came forward and asked if I would administer the medicine to General Ketchum, and I told her I would; she passed me a tablespoonful, and holding him with my right hand, I gave it to him with my left; I gave the medicine with my left hand as I supported him with my right arm; Mrs. Wharton requested me to keep the spoon in his mouth, and said she would pour in the balance; she then poured in the balance; the first quantity given was a full tablespoonful; I did not see the cup, but I am satisfied that it was quite another tablespoonful; it may have been more or less; I did not see the 40 drops of yellow jasmine dropped here by

Dr. Williams; after taking the medicine Gen. Ketchum laid down again and seemed quiet for about ten or fifteen minutes; he then began to show symptoms of uneasiness; those symptoms gradually became worse, until he was taken with convulsions, and they became more and more severe, and were, according to my judgment, uninterrupted, that is, a continuous convulsion; at times they were more violent than at others; I inquired of Mrs. Wharton if General K. had been in active service during the late war, thinking that he might probably have some brain affection; she at first replied that he had been in active service, and then, upon reflection, corrected herself and said he had not been; one reason why I made the inquiry was that I saw him place his hands to the back of his neck; that indicated to me that he might have had some trouble with his brain; shortly after placing his hands to the back of his neck he put his hand inside his shirt and grabbed himself in this way, [here the witness went through the motion]; when I asked Mrs. Wharton if General K. had been in active service during the late war, she said he had at one time a fall from his horse; I cannot remember when she said the fall occurred; I examined his breast, and removed his hand after I found he had been clutching himself; he made a slight impression on his throat, but it was not so marked as it was just under the collar bone; he next put his hands to his stomach; I asked him where his pain was, and after I had repeated the inquiry several times, he replied "in my stomach, Sir;" that was all that he said; when seized with the convulsions he would make motions as if struck in the back; his countenance indicated intense pain or agony; his exclamations indicated, too, that he was in great suffering; the witness was now handed a glass and a vial containing yellow jasmine.

Mr. Syester here remarked that they would have to send for spoons, as General Butler was not present. This remark created some laughter. The spoons were sent for, and the witness continued:

The only part I could gather of the conversation between Mrs. Wharton and Mrs. Hutton was, that Mrs. Hutton told Mrs. Wharton it was too much, and offered to drop it again; I don't know positively what Mrs. Wharton did with the spoon and the cup, but I remember seeing her sitting afterwards on the sofa, holding them in her hand; I don't remember seeing them afterwards in the room; Mrs. Wharton left about twenty minutes before General Ketchum died; I did not see Mrs. Wharton prepare any drink or medicine; I remember hearing her say that she was going to give General Ketchum some brown stout; I can't remember the day; when she stated she was going to give General Ketchum brown stout, Colonel Loney advised her to put nutmeg in it; she said she scarcely thought he would take it with the nutmeg, but that she would try it; she then left the dining room; she said that Dr. Williams had said that General Ketchum might have brown stout; she did not say how Dr. Williams had come to recommend it; I don't remember whether or