MONDAY, July 19.

[Before Mr. Justice WIGHTMANI].

THE WIRFIELD WURDERS.

This day having been fixed upon for the trial of Patrick Reid, charged with the murders of James Wraith, Ann, his wife, and attention given to investigating further into the cause of their and Caroline Ellis, at Mirfield, intense interest was exhibited by the deaths. But, gentlemen, as I have already stated the circumstances, public to obtain admittance into the Court, and as early as seven o'clock a large crowd had assembled outside the Castle Gates. Excelleut arrangements, however, had been made by the High Sheri. to prevent the over-crowding of the Court, and to preserve order, you what probably you have already inferred from what I have stated The doors were opened between eight and nine o'clock, when the | -namely, that Mr. Wruith could never have given himself the blows Court became speedily filled, and there were great numbers who on his head after he had cut his throat, nor cut his throat after the could not obtain admittance. The prisoner had been placed in the dock a short time before; he was very decently dressed, and though he exhibited much firmness, his behaviour was not unbecoming the awful situation in which he was placed.

of the outbuildings, and also of the adjoining grounds; and there little spurting of blood about the house; only such and so was a large and separate model of the kitchen in which the body of slight as might have come by wielding the instrument with which Caroline Ellis was found. These models were made under the super- | death was caused. The surgeons will tell you that in all probability by Messrs. Fawcett and Beaumont, of that town, builders. The a poker lying out of place with blood upon it, and that probably was plans were also made by Mr. Clapham.

taken their seats in the box,

PATRICK REID, who is stated in the calendar to be twenty years of age, was then placed at the bar. The CLERK OF ARRAIGNS then said :- Patrick Reid, you are indicted, and the indictment charges that you, at Mirsteld, on the 19th day of May last, with malice aforethought, did beat, strike, and wound one James Wraith, thereby giving him divers mortal bruises, wounds, contusions, and fractures, of which he, the said James Wraith, then and there instantly died, and that you, wilfully and of your malice aforethought, did kill and murder the said James Wraith. How say you, Palrick Reid, are you guilty or not guilty? The Prisoner (in rather a low but firm tone of voice)—Not Guilty. The prisoner was further charged upon the coroner's inquisition with the 1 ke offence, to which he also pleaded not guilty.

The following gentlemen were then sworn on the jury :--Mr. Thos. Ellison, of Wentworth-Terrace, in Nether Hallam, gentleman. foreman. Mr. Edward Holden. of Solly-street, Sheffield, japanner. Mr. Wm. Smith. of Queen street, Keighley, wool-comb maker. Mr. Craven Lyon, of High-street, Bridlington, ironmonger. Mr. F Jones of Westfield-terrace, Sheffield, organ-builder. Mr. T. Mease, the younger, of Hurton kudby, flax-spinner. 'en- | Mr. G. H. Leather, of North Brook-place, Bradford, Worster

THE JURY.

10, Mr. I. Mills, of Robin Hood's Bay-lane, Fylingdales, gent. Hr. J. Whitley, of East Morton, in Morton, worsted spinner. Mr. Henry Hawking, of Linton-upon-Ouse, farmer. The Counsel for the Prosecution were Mr. Bliss, Mr. Ingham

and Mr. Digby Skymour Attorneys-For the Prosecution, Mr. Lengard, of Mirfield: and for the Prisoner, Mr. Halsall, of Middleton, near Manchester. THE OPENING SPEECH.

May it please your Lordship, gentlemen of the jury,-The prisoner at the bar stands indicted with the wilful murder of James Wraith. Gentlemen, this crime was committed on Wednesday, the 12th of | May, about the hour of noon, that is between twelve and one o'clock of that day, at a place called Water Royd Hall, near Mirfield, in the West Riding of this county. Gentlemen, besides the importance attached to such a question as that you have now to try, the witnesses are many, the facts are various and somewhat complicated. and the inquiry upon which you have now commenced will probably occupy a good deal of your time. I shall, however, endeavour | give an outline and general detail of these facts as briefly as I can, in order that you may be the better able to adapt the evidence (which cannot be offered exactly in the way I state it to you) to those parts to which it properly belongs. Gentlemen, James Wraith was an elderly man of about seventy-eight years of age. He lived at Water Royd Hall, which was a small property of his own. He had formerly been the steward of a gentleman in the neighbourhood, and he collected a small independency on which he lived. He seems to have kept himself very much at home, attending to the management his farm and property. He lived in this house with his wife. Ann Wraith: she was about sixty-eight years of age; she had been married before, and by her former husband she had two sons, both of whom were married, one living at Mirfield, and the other at Manof chester. Besides James Wraith and his wife Ann. there was a servant in the family whose name was Caroline Ellis, a girl of about id | twenty-one years of age, and the family consisted of these three only. The habits of the family, as far as regards their dinner, seem have been that they dined between twelve and one o'clock. Wraith and his wifedined in a parlour—the front one of two; the servant was then commonly employed in the kitchen, and after their dinner, she brought out what remained on the table after dinner, and then dined herself in the kitchen. Gentlemen, the house in which Mr. Wraith | lived consisted of two parlours fronting towards the fields, and a kitchen behind. It stood at a distance of about fifty yards from Water Royd-lane, with which it communicated by a cart road, and | there is also a footpath leading to the front of the house from another quarter. The ground floor of the house consists, as I have told you. of a kitchen, and of a passage dividing the two parlours. Over the ground floor are three bed rooms, and beneath the ground floor there is a cellar. Behind the house is a yard in which there is a well, and an out-house consisting of a "laith," or barn adjoining to the right of the house Gentlemen, I believe there was no house within one hundred yards of it, and the nearest house is a house which

will see below it the King's Head, which is the house Mc Kinnell occupies, and which is near the entrance of the cart-road leading from Water Royd-lane to the house. You will see on the left hand a dotted line coloured red, which leads across the fleids to the house | Head, with his face towards Mr. Wraith's house. About the same of John Lockwood. That is a footpath leading past Water Royll Hall, and then continuing a little to the right, down to two houses occupied by Frank Webster and Joseph Webster. Now, if you will or Little London, a street of houses so called leading to Lee Green, Mutton. Gentlemen, if you go on to a place called Dunbottle, you will see the beginning of a lane running up to the top of the plan, locality which will, in the course of your inquiries, become somewhat important. If you follow the road down by the left past Little London, you will come to the Cross Roads. You will then follow that road up George Smithson. Then turn to the left, and you will pass the house of James Healey, near Sunny Bank. Let me add to this plan what could not be delineated upon it, that further to the left is a place called High Town and Robert Town, and if you go to the right up | Shillbank-lane, you will come to Daw Green. Gentlemen, if you bear | these localities in mind, you will be the better able to understand the details of the evidence to be offered to you. As I told you, the day on which this murder was committed was Wednesday, the 12:h of May. On Monday, the 10th, James Wraith went with witness, who will be called before you, I believe to Wakefield market. A person called upon him, and he observed when he called that he had a second-best or older hat on, and that when he went with him to Wakefield market he put a better hat on. He (meaning the person who called) paid him on that day £2 in half-crowns, and two sovereigns, and he observed also that he had a watch. The next day, the 11th, a plumber also went to Mr. Wraith's house to put in a pane of

situated at the entrance of the cart-road, and occupied by a person

hand to you a plan of the situation of the house and neighbourhood.

named Mc Kinnell. As these localities become important, I will

from which, if you attend to it, you will be the better enabled to

understand what I have already detailed, and what I am about to

state. You will see Water Royd Hall mentioned on the plan. You

glass, and when he paid him, the plumber observed that he took out of his pocket a considerable quantity of money both gold and silver. On the morning of the 12th, one of his (Mr. Wraith's) step-sons, the son of his wife by the former husband, went to his house in the morning, and saw him while there counting his money, and observed a sovereign drop, which he picked up. This is the person who last saw them all alive, viz., James Wraith, Ann Wraith, his wife, and Caroline Ellis, the servant-maid. After that, however, James Wraith was seen alive by other parties. About ten or eleven o'clock he came down to a house which is opposite to the King's Head, to a nephew of his, who lives in that house, in order to engage a great nephew-a son of that nephew-to come up to his house and assist him on his farm in gathering stones. His nephew saw him there, and having given those directions he returned home. He was never seen alive after that. The nephew went to the house rather inter than he was accustomed, as the ordinary time of going was about one o'clock, but it happened that there was a shower of rain at the time, and he did not go till after the shower was over. He went by the cart road I have mentioned leading from the King's Head to Water Royd Hall. That cart road leads directly into the lyard which is behind the premises. The nephew came up the cart road and entered the yard, where there is a wall on one side and a "laith" or barn on the other, but no gate. The kitchen faced into the yard, and the kitchen door is under a flight of stairs behind the house. The nephew, who is about twelve years of age, tried the kitchen door and found it fast. He knocked, but there was no answer. He listened and all was still; he could even hear the clock He then came round the corner of the house to the kitchen window, and he observed that the shutters were closed but not entirely, so that he could peop in, and he saw something white, but could not tell what it was. He then went round to the front of the

house, and as he passed a window on the ground floor he observed that the curtains were drawn 10. That is the window of the parlour He saw the other parlour window where the family usually dined. had the shutters closed, but that was nothing unusual, it being a parlour not commonly used. But he observed on the step stones to the front door a pool of blood, which seemed to be running from under the door. This alarmed him; and he went and made a communication to Mc Kinnell at his own house. Mc Kinnell returned with him by the same road. They went to the kitchen door, found lit fast; they went round, and Mc Kinnell saw what Green, the I nephew, had before seen. They again went round to the back part of the house, when Mc Kinnill opened the window, and entered the kitchen. When he did so, he found Caroline Ellis, the servant maid, llying on her back, with her head towards the door—her feet towards the fire, and a fender which stood between the fire and the door, | dead but warm, her throat cut and her skull broken. A pool of blood | was about her head, some spots of blood were on the "lintel" of the door, and some others near the door. From the kitchen he went into the passage, which I told you was between the two parlours. that passage he saw Ann Wraith lying dead on her back, her head against the door, a pool of blood about her head, her throat cut, and ther skull broken. From the passage he entered at the parlour door, and there he saw lying on his back, with his throat cut and skul. broken in a similar manner, James Wraith, the deceased, into whose death you are now about to inquire. Gentlemen, everything was allowed to remain in the same state until the surgeon and the constable came, when a more minute examination of the premises took place. It was then found that Caroline Ellis had her skull fractured, her jaw-bone broken, her arm broken, some fingers en one of her hands broken, her throat cut down to the vertebræ—the trachen, however, only divided, and not the great orifice. She was still Mrs. Wraith's skull broken in several places, her right eye knocked peculiar, as the one which the prisoner took away that night. I beout, and her throat cut down to the vertebræ, with a wound of | no great length. Mr. Wraith had his skull broken, his shoulder | partly dislocated, and his throat cut from ear to ear, severing all the arteries, his head being, in fact, nearly cut off. He had a handkerchief in his left hand; he lay at no great distance from the | chair in which he had apparently been sitting, for the dinner table

sitting. There was another plate put under the table, as if for the

cats, which Mrs. Wraith was in the habit of feeding after dinner.

There were marks of blood upon the table-cloth, and a silver pint

on the table had marks of blood upon it both within and

without. Mr. Wraith's pockets were turned out, and in one of them

Wraith lay was a chest of drawers, of which, too, a larger and a

smaller drawer were open. In the smaller drawer was a razor-case

with two compartments, having one razor remaining, and the other

razor, which was its fellow, and which had the mark of Mr. Wraith's

name upon it, was lying on the breast of Mr. Wraith, as he lay on

| wedding-ring gone from the finger where it is usually worn, and that

Inger was much bruised. There was no money found on Mr. Wraith,

the floor; it was bloody. Mrs. Wraith's hands were bloody, and the

a half-sovereign was found remaining. In the room where Mr.

with the exception of the half-sovereign. His watch-web gone, and that hat, which, as I have said before, has never been sens since. have told you that Mc Kinnell entered by the kitchen window; that the kitchen door was locked with a key, and that key was not to be found. The front door was not locked, gentlemen, but had been bolted. After the bodies had been examined by the surgeon, and it had been ascertained what property was missing, and that the house was in other respects quite undisturbed, then the bodies were removed the first inquiry which naturally arises in every case of this hindnamely, whether the party was murdered by any other person, or by his own hand, seems to be completely and convincingly solved by what I have already stated. I am told the medical men will state to jurors who have taken the oath in investigating so serious a charge blows had been inflicted upon his head; and, indeed, that he could not have moved or had volition after those blows had been inflicted. And, besides this, the surgeons will sliow that the cutting of the throat must have been when life was nearly extinct? "There was no appearance of blood having gushed out from the arteries, there Upon the table of the Court were placed a beautiful and having been very little spurting of blood, which showed that the accurate model of the house in which the murders were committed, arteries were divided when life was nearly extinct. There; was ntendence of Mr. Charles Clapham, surveying engineer, Wakefield, | that instrument was a blunt and heavy one. There was in the parlour one of the instruments used. On the table at which Mr. Wraith The Learned Judge took his seat upon the bench at nine o'clock, was dining were two knives and two forks. One of the knives was and after the names of the jury had been called over, and they had bloody, and apparently had been used upon Mr. Wraith's throat, and not being found so sharp and effectual as an instrument which had caused the wound in his throat, it is probable that the knife having been tried first, the razor was afterwards used for the purpose of completing the murder. But, gentlemen, there will turn up, in the course of the inquiry, another instrument to which your attention will be more particularly directed. I may, therefore, assume, that it is already sufficiently clear that neither of the three parties could have; murdered the other and then have destroyed himself; and in addition to every other reason, the absence of the key by which the kitchen door was locked, and the finding of that key afterwards, will probably lead your minds to

the same conclusion. All this which I have stated to you transpired

on Wednesday, the 12th of May, between twelve and one, and two

and three o'clock. In the afternoon of the same day, a person was

arrested of the name of McCube, and on the Friday morning after,

between three and four o'clock, another person was arrested of the

name of Patrick Reid, the prisoner now at the bar. Mc Cabe lived

at High Town, which, as I have told you, is on the left of the map

beyond Sunny Bank; and the house in which he lived is about three

miles from the house which Mr. Wraith occupied. Michael Mc Cabe was a hawker, dealing in pots, and also in rags. The prisoner, Patrick Reid, was arrested at a place called Daw Green. The house in which he was arrested was his father's. He seems to have lived there with his father and mother, and to have been living there some time. He was also a hawker, dealing in hardware, and having tea-caddles for sale. The house of his father was about two miles murder, viz., Wednesday, the 19th, a well which is in the yard of Mr. Wraith's house, about five or six yards from the kitchen door. was pumped out. On pumping it down, first a key came up. terwards there came up a soldering fron, and afterwards handle of that iron, which seems to have lodged on a ledge in the wall some way down, as if left there by the water. That key was tried, and fits the kitchen door, and and you will have some evidence to identify it as the key longing to the kitchen door. The soldering iron was found the handle. The soldering iron and key had murks upon them were afterwards examined by a chemist of some skill and fame, and who will be called before you; and the soldering iron will be traced p to the possession of the prisoner at the bar on the night before the murder was committed. And now, gentlemen, I invite your attention to the movements of the two hawkers. Michael Mc Cabe and Patrick Reid, as they will be detailed in evidence before you Mc Cabe seems to have left his home at Hightown that morning, an to have come towards Mirfield. He called at a house which belongs to Charles Flint, and which is situated some distance to the left of Sunny Bank. He afterwards called at Healey's, and from Healey he went to Smithson's, at Royd Nook. From Smithson's he called at Hallas's, and from there he ecems to have gone to the Shoulder. Mutton. He left that house about twelve o'clock, went past. John Lockwood's, and he was seen next at the King's Head (Mc. Kinnell after one o'clock. So that about the time when you have it in ev dence that this murder was probably committed you have McCab een about in that direction. From Mc. Kinnell's he went again to Smithson's, from Smithson's to Healey's, from Healey's he went might and did probably go home. He returned again to Flint's, and afterwards to the Shoulder of Mutton, and as he was going down there | to the kitchen window; Thomas Green was with me then. he was arrested. But the news of this murder was, of course. divulged, and I believe it will be in evidence that it must have been known to McCabe that it was divulged when he was at Flint's house. Gentlemen, Patrick Reid was arrested on Friday morning. should have told you that when they were arrested the clothes were taken both from Mc Cabe and Reid, and were given to the chemist who will be called before you, and he will tell you what appearances of blood were found upon them. of Reid had spots of blood upon them, and on clothes was one spot which was perhaps also blood. Now, gentlemen, as to the movements of Patrick Reid. Oa that morning he was passing, Shillbank, coming down Shillbank-lane, by a person who lives some way up, about ten or eleven o'clock, with a cap He then turned towards Lee Green. He was seen at Chadwick's between eleven and twolve, and likewise at James Sheard's, which is between Chadwick's and Hallas's houses. From Sheard's he is traced to Lockwood's. and he is there seen going down the footpath towards Wraith's house. Now, gentlemen, I connect the two together as far as they are traced by the evidence. It seems that Reid came to the Shoulder of Mutton about ten minutes after. Mc Cabe had been there, and that he (Reid) turned down the footpath leading to Wraith's house about twenty minutes before. Mc Cabe turned down

time a person who is taking in warps put out to dry in a field adjoining Mr. Wraith's house, heard in a direction towards that house a loud shriek. which he will describe to you. Reid is next seen at a pots was a hasty proceeding altogether. I don't believe he ever return to John Lockwood's house, you will see a place called the City, Dlace called the Town Gate, and from Wraith's house to the Town stood still. I have often seen Reid come away from Wraith Gate there is a communication by means of footpaths. He is seen I have not seen him for six or nine months before. and further on you will see a public house called the Shoulder of there after one o'clock, and after what perhaps will prove an important. event to mark the time. a shower of rain which seems to have come on at that moment. At the Town Gate his mother had been standing which is not marked—a place which is called Shillbank-lane, a for some time. He joined his mother and went towards the church. From the church there is a footpath which leads into Shillbank-, and he is seen going with that female past a house by a person who had a short time previously seen him go past with a cap on, but towards the top of the plan, and pass Royd Nook, and the house of when he saw him return the prisoner had a hat on. He is seen down Burrows-lane, which leads to Daw Green, and again about three o'clock he is seen, coming out of his own house: When Mc Cabe was arrested, and before he was arrested, he made a statement which it is not for me to detail. as he will be called before you. When Reid was arrested he also made a statement which was this:—"Well. I was at the house about the time you mention with my basket selling things. I knocked at the door, no one answered, and I walked on." He was then asked if he chose to say where he went to afterwards. He said. "Well. I went down the footpath by the side of Wraith's garden. Wraith's was the last house I called at : I went forward, struck down the footpath which brought me to the Town Gate in Mirfield, and then I went over th stile and along the footpath that leads to Mirfield church, and whilst on that footpath I saw a woman with a basket. I waited till she overook me, and we went on together as far as Mirfield church yard. waited there until she went into a public-house near there, and

when she returned we went down the church yard footpath which

took us to Burrows-lane, where we parted. - I then went past Mr.

Hague's, the magistrate, and straight-forward home." He was then

asked if he chose to say what clothes he had on, and he said he had

the same coat, waistcoat, trowsers, and hat on that he had then.

the footpath, and went in the same direction. Reid is then seen on

the footpath by a person who will be called before you. This foot-

path leads past Wraith's house, and goes down to Webster's house.

He is seen about that time passing. Webster's house in the rear, and

going back again towards Wraith's house about the same time. He is

next seen by a person who ia in Water Royd-lane, and who, looking

towards Wraith's house, sees Reid standing at the corner of the lane.

and sees Mc Cabe standing down a shoft distance from the King's

His hat and clothes were then taken off, and given to the chemist. In that statement there are some things remarkable. In the first place, he says he was at the house, that he knocked at the door, and that he heard nothing. There is an omission of his being at Webster's, and it seems the woman he spoke of was his own mother There is an omission of his being seen at the barn corner, and thereis also an omission of his hearing any thing of what probably must have been taking place in Mr. Wraith's house about tha time. Now, geutlemen, Mc Cabe will be called before you, and hi statement, I understand, will be that he also went to the house, that he knocked at the door, that he received no answer, that he knocked again and still received no answer, and that he then rattled his pols. arm was severely fractured, both bones being broken. There against the door. He says he heard a noise in the house of some person moving about—a noise of some person going up stairs. The staircase inside led to a window which is over the stairs outside. and commands a view of the yard outside. He then heard footsteps come down stairs: the door was opened by a man; then he saw some blood, and then he heard a moaning or a groaning. And, gentlemen, the soldering fron might have done it, but I think it was more he will tell you, I am told, that the man who opened the door is the prisoner at the bar. Gentlemen, it will be in evidence before you that the prisoner at the bar had been in the habit some time before of wound-somewhere near it. The head of Mrs. Wraith was calling at Mr. Wraith's house frequently, perhaps as often as once a week; that he was on good terms with the family then, that he was By the Junge.—The blood which had gone under the door, received into the house, conversed with, and sometimes had given to was blood from Mrs. Wraith.

him meat and drink. But about Christmas last, having been at the house and had some tea-caddies, he returned, after having left it. and charged Caroline Ellis with having taken a tea-caddy out of his pasket. This she denied; but he persisted in it, and Mr. Wraith was called on to turn him out of the house, and he left the house with a threat that he would be revenged some time or other. So recently as Easter, he met a person on the road, who will be called before you, pointed to the house in which Mr. Wraith lived, and speaking of the servant maid, then used a threat that he would serve of a blunt instrument, such as the poker, which were about her out. Reid's clothes were given to the chemist, who examined them scientifically, and he will tell you there were marks of blood on the coat, the cap, and on some other parts of the clothes. He will tell you also that he examined Mc Cabe's clothes. I think told you there was one spot of blood on his clothes. and I beieve I omitted to tell you that when Mc Cabe was arrested his stockings were found to be wet; no marks of blood could be detected. but there had been rain, and his shoes were very bad. The chemist examined the key and soldering iron, and he will tell you there marks of blood, or traces of some of the component parts of blood. found on all these—the key, the soldering iron, and the handle. Gentlemen, the soldering iron will be traced up to the prisoner by the evidence. A person named Kilty, who knew Reid well. knew the family, and lived near them, will be called before you. and he will say he was in the habit of borrowing a soldering iron from Reid's father: that he used it for the purposes of his trade Previous to this murder he had borrowed the soldering iron, which

was in his house on the night of Tuesday, the 11th of May, when

Reid went to Kilty's house, and said he wanted the soldering iron: Mrs.

was expected to take place, and he said no, his father wanted it, and Kilty gave a description of it to the constable, and after that he saw a chest of drawers in the room, two of which drawers it. He will see it now, and identify it by marks, which are very were open, one of the long ones, and one of the little ones. ed to you, with the single exception of some observations which have been made to Mr. Noble, the Governor of the Castle, by the prisoner, pie crust, or bread. I observed part of a pie on the table. upon hearing that Mc Cabe was to be brought as a witness against him; but as I have perhaps not got them very accurately I will prefer that you should hear them from him when he is called. It will be for you to hear them, and to draw such inferences as your good sense will pend on the state of the atmosphere. The shower was between ments of victuals on a plate where Mr. Wraith was in the habit of suggest. I believe I have now gone through all the details which are to 12 and 1, and was attended by thunder. The blood on the floor to your minds, as: to how far Mc Cabe is implicated in this transaction. I know not what opinion you will form, nor do I know that it is the most essential part of your inquiry. You will have to determine whether you can believe him, and if you believe that Reid is the party whom he saw at Mr. Wraith's house, I should think that the case is beyond all controversy or doubt. If you should not think

so, there is, apart from this, sufficient evidence to convict Reid of

the murder. The evidence will show, that he had a previous ac-

quaintance with the family—that he had an opportunity of knowing

their habits, he having afterwards had a quarrel with them, and

made use of threats—that he was seen near the place at the time

when it is supposed the murder was committed, not only on the day

but almost at the very hour when this probably took place, which

spears as well by his own admission as by the other evidence. Marks of blood were also found on his clothes, and the instrument which may have been used in the perpetration of this crime, and which having broken or parted from the handle, rendered resort to the poker necessary, was in the possession of Reid the night before the murder. If these facts be true and you find them sufficiently attested, perhaps there hardly needs other evidence to tell us who the party were who were engaged in the murder. If the two tions of evidence are consistent with, and corroborative of, each it will be for you to judge what conclusion you can derive from them. Whatever is the decision you may come to, no doubt it will be with care, and certainly with anxious consideration; and you will come to it with that firmness and resolution which belongs to you as

Charles Clapham, examined by Mr. Ingham.—I am a land surveyor at-Wakefield; I have surveyed the house where the Mr. Wraith lived: the mans and plans produced are correct the models have been made under my direction. I was at house on the 14th of May. I saw the red marks put dow different parts of the house. The model is also correct. witness proceeded to prove the various distances. The tance from the corner of the barn to Water Royd is 101 yard from the door leading into the yard by the footway, houses called Water Royd, where Webster lives, 275 yards from the same door to Lockwood's house, by the footway, 204 yards: from Water Royd Hall to James Hallas's house, along the nearest footpath. 1353 yards: those footpaths cross over inclosed fields: from Water Royd Hall to Hallas's, as the crow flies, 935 yards; supposing a person going in a direct line from Wraith's to Hallas's, he would not have to pass any houses Cross examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins. - There by the barn into the back yard from

Water Royd lane; there is a gate which leads gate also at the top, which leads to Lockwood's house. Then | I stripped him naked, and examined everything. On one of there is another entrance, called the little door, and near to | his stockings I saw a mark which I thought was blood. the well, in the vard. There is a garden in front of the house; | trowsers on, and a pair of lace boots, which came up the hedge is represented on the model. From the Shoulder of | ancle. The mark which I thought was blood was a little above footpaths; some are not so good as others, that is, not so dis- | about the soles. The legs of the stockings, high up. tinct; the ground varies, some dry and some wet; near to the school it is very wer sometimes:

By the Judge.—Did not see these places on the 14th. Cross-examination continued.—The road from Greenside Mr. Wraith's is very good, and also from the same place to the Shoulder of Mutton, and to James Hallas's. I can't say what sort of a day it was on the 12th. There is a door which opens into the kitchen: the height of the kitchen is eight feet; there is only one window: there is another door which opens into he passage, where the poor old lady was found; there is very ittle light into the passage. 'except' from the fan-light. Suppose he shutters of the kitchen-window were closed, and the two doors, there would be very little light in the kitchen; there is a lock and bolt to the kitchen yard door; there are a shovel longs, and coal-rake represented in the kitchen. Joshua Green examined by Mr. Overexo.—I live at Mirfield. was 13 on the tuird of this month. The late Mr. Wraith was

my great uncle. I occasionally worked for him in his farm.

last saw my uncle alive about half past eleven on Wednesday.

He was down at my father's house in Urlpplegate: that is opposite the King's Head public house. He spoke to me about coing to help him to gather stones that afternoon. I was to go at one up to the door, and the blood was upon the steps. noticed this. I ran home, and told my mother what I had seen My oldest brother was at home, and he went.

ower of rain: there was a little thunder: there was much rain. The curtains were light-coloured ones. Head. I went to Mr. Wraith's house on Wednesday, the 12th of May. Before I went I had seen Mr. Wraith that day, abou she was quite dead. The furniture was Green and I): we did not try the front door; we did not open | at a house below Healev's coal pit. I called at any door in going from the kitchen to the passage. I don't son's house and 'sallas's house know there is a door leading from the kitchen to the passage, | that was near dinner time, twelve o'clock. I saw

it was oven. In the passage I saw old Mrs. Wraith | wick and her daughter there. I know laid upon her back, dead; there was blood on her face; her was in Chadwick's when I went in. He was also dead: his throat was cut, and his head Howarth, the constable, came in a very few minutes. I was son came: he called out did we want any pots. I gave answer that we did not. I did not see which way he came or went. have seen that person since. His name is Michael Mc Cabe Cross-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.-I had never seen the man before that I know of: his asking if we wanted any

Re-examined by Mr. Burss.—When I saw him coming away he was coming by the cart-road, from the barn. Thomas Green, examined by Mr. Ingham.-I am 20 years o age, and am Joshua Green's brother. I went to Mr. Wraith's field next the garden, and then to the front door, where I saw The back kitchen door was only locked. door leading from the kitchen to the passage, and I believ open. The front door was locked, and the key was inside the lock. I did not see the kitchen key. Crossieramined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.—Caroline Eilis understood, was about to be married. I did not know of l

buying articles for her house. I remember the shower that day. It would be about half an hour after the shower when went to Wraith's house. Henry John Watkinson examined by Mr. Buss.—I am a sui geon, Ilving at Mirfield. I went to Mr. Wraith's about ten minutes past two. I went in at the kitchen window. I saw the body of a female on the kitchen floor. Which body I exaextinct from half to three-quarters of an hour. I found · jaw fractured, and the lip cut through as well. I found severe comminuted fracture of the left portion of the frontal

bone of the forehead. I also found a severe comminuted fracture on the side of the head, and also a similar fracture on the above the elbow. There was a bruise over the fracture. Three of the smaller fingers were fructured, and very much lacerated. In my opinion, those fractures, were caused by blows with a trates. It was on Saturday, but I do not know the day of the blunt instrument. There were four marks on the left shin | month. The first time I saw it was at the magistrates' room. dering iron was here produced by Mr. Richard Green. superintendent of the Dewsbury Police force.] I think it

likely such an instrument would produce such wounds. The wound on the throat appeared to have been made by a sharp justrument such as a razor. I examined Mrs. Wraith's also on the left side of the frontal bone. These were comminuted-that is, severely, shattered fractures. There were severo fractures on each side of the head. A fracture of the There was a comminuted fracture on the back of the head, The wedding ring was gone: the finger being very severely lacorated. I examined the right side, and found a bruise which I thought had been produced by a kick. There was a Green: I examined the apparel, but found no corresponding injury upon it. Her dress was up a little, about as high as the

about a foot from the front door.

he then took it away. Gentlemen, when the soldering iron was found take half a sovereign out of the left pocket. There was I found no appearance of other disturbance, in the house. Mr. Bradbury, another surgeon, cimo and examined bodies, and then they were removed. I examined the mic found a piece of pie crust and one loose tooth in Mrs. W. caltha mouth. I observed a plate under d'chair. Thére were some Cross-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.-The 12th of May was rather a warm day. The retention of animal heat would de-

> was congened. The poker might have produced the wounds. There were marks of blood at the time. I saw the poker, and it was bent as it now is. I saw it first in the pariour. That roomwas much darkened by the pinning of the curtains. Waited until Mr Green came, and the bodies were washed under my now produce it. On Saturday, Liwent to Mc Cabe's house. o' another garter from a box. Atisjust as I got it I think piece lias been torn off. The piece of pie in Wraith's mouth Re-examined by Mr. Bliss.-I saw another poker besides this in the front puriour. It was a better poker than this. This There setting a scandal upon the house, but I did not say because Mr. poker matches the fire irons that were in the kitchen. were marks of blood on the kitchen fender, but none on any of the fire irons in the parlour. I saw no other bloody not ask me which way I went when I lest Wraith's. I do not instrument than those mentioned. The kitchen fender was op- remember that I said I went down the footpath opposite Mr.

Wraith's house. I might say that I went into the yard site the window The blood was on the top of the lender, as it that the shutters were to. Sheard asked me how le then lay, the side being turned up. They were spots of blood. There was a small plate with a portion of brick dust upon it, person kept the door open. I said for two or three and a cloth, as if the girl had been engaged in cleaning the but that the door was five or six inches open. Uriah Bradbury examined by Mr. Overend.—I am a surgeon.

residing at Mirfield. I was at the house of Mr. Wraith on the 12th of May, and saw the last witness there. I saw all the bodies as stated by him, and I believe that their throats had been cut after the skulls were fractured. This I infer from the small quantity of blood the wounds had discharged spurting out would depend on vital energy, and splashes of blood on the walls, which were produced, in my opinion, by being thrown from the end of some weapon. whilst in the act of being wielded about. I noticed a great quantity of blood behind the kitchen door, and also on the toor itself. When you opened the door two or three inches you saw a small quantity of blood on the floor. The girl was Iving near the heel of the door. I saw marks of trampling in the kitchen, and also in the passage.

outer kitchen door to be opened three inches, very little blood would be seen. I am sure that some would be seen. When I saw the kitchen, the window shutters were open. one could have seen "lots of blood" when the door was open only three inches. Mr. Wraith did not appear to be so old as 77 years of age. He was a strong healthy man. Mrs. Wraith was a weakly woman. The young woman appeared to be Re-examined by Mr. Buss.-I should say Mr. Wraith was of were not sure when you saw the man in the house 11 an irritable temper. He was very active in his habits. If the the same you had seen a short time before at Chadwick's

kitchen door had been opened nine inches the girl's brains you became so afterwards? I am sure it was Patrick Reid might have been seen. I think none of them could groan after was always sure it was him.—Was you sure at the time? receiving the blows on the head; but they might make an | not at the time, but recollected afterwards. audible noise, as a sob or a sigh. dent constable of the Newsbury division. I went to the | Shoulder of Mutton, Mirfield, on the 12th of May, a little after There is a kind of paddock, surrounded by a | five o'clock. I there found Michael Mc Cabe in custody of

Nutton, kept by Chadwick, to Mr. Wraith's, by the footway. | his toes. The stockings were very wet. His shoes were in very the distance is 649 yards. I am well acquainted with these | bad repair, so as to let in water; they were a little wet been washed. I took possession of his clothes, and had them since, with the exception of their being the hands of Mr. West. chemist. I went afterwards, between ive and six. to Mr. Wraith's house. noticed marks of blood and portions of brain on the inside of the door: there was blood near to the sneck, as if some blood oand had been against it, and there were some spurts as we here was a pool of blood on the floor, near the door; there were some spots between the pool of blood and the door, observed the table cloth and took possession of it, and also of the poker produced: the latter was laid between Mr. Wraith and the window. I also took a silver pint, a table knife. spoon, and a napkin. I noticed a deal of blood upon them. Witness produced the articles 7 The napkin was near the able in the room where Mr. Wraith lay. The curtains were inned with the large brass pin I now produce. I saw no blood on the curtain or pln. At four next morning. Mc Cabe made a statement. I afterwards took Reid into custody: that was on Friday, the 14th, at his father's house at Daw Green: he was in bed at the time. I told him he was suspected of the murder is footstep would be heard at the kitchen door by any one | the prisoner, but I don't know at what time that was. I di

> a description of the soldering iron, on the following day. The | at Wraith's I borrowed 16d. to buy the glasses that Chadwick; and live together, therefore the latter might give the former the description. £100 reward is offered for a conviction in this as near as I can think. On the 12th of May last I lived at High

Town. I am married, and my wife lived with me there: I

ed. I heard something like an exhausted sigh. I saw a man's | that the man was going to knock his head off. I caunot be face when the door was opened, and blood on the wall by the | sure about this, but I believe it was the second time. I am latch. The white wall, the face, and the blood, made me look | sure he said he saw "a deal of blood." I think these were down, and then I saw more blood on the floor, sprinkled about. This words, and I made a minute of them about ten o'clock in

basket was about a vard from the door, and I on the other de of it: it might be two or three minutes that I saw the man' The man was Patrick Reid. I might be in the vard five or six minutes altogether. I went on theu, to the road where I looked round, but saw nobody. I then went to Mc Linnell's, the King's Head. They were at their dinner. noke to M'Kinnell. There was Mc Kinnell and two women dinner. It began to rain, and as it was likely to be wet, went to Smithson's. where I smoked a bit of tobacco, and talked and joked a bit. The next house I went to was Flint's. I went in. and stopped a good bit there—between three quarters of an hour and an hour. I went from Flint's to my did not stop five minutes in my own house. to a not and glass warehouse, under the same roof, to get some glasses. I had to take them early next morning to Chadwick's. After I had got my glasses. I came back to

vards, took up my basket raised it on my head, and was near

were put to on the window. I advanced forward between

thirty and fifty yards, and I heard something like a sound

which I have thought since was the door pulled to.

ie corner of the house when I took notice that the shutters

Flint's, and got a dozen pint pots of him. When I left Before I got there I was arrested by constable Leadbeatter heard of it first when at Flint's, first time after being at M back part of the head. Three of the front teeth were knocked | Wraith's. I have seen Reid at different times during seven out, and there was a severe fracture of the left arm, a little | eight months—once a month or so. I never saw him on any

> prison—the Castle. I don't know what has sent me. I don't know what they charged me with, but they sent me along with Leadbeatter apprehended me. and he told me he took to be examined upon the information I had given gand 9. I went to Flint's first, to get some pots: they deal in the morning. I know two or three persons of the name of Healey. I called upon Ellen Healey, that morning, at ten, or That is half a mile from Flint's. I went thence towards Mirsteld. I called at Eusan Morton's house, and then went to Smithson's. I got to Smithson's about half-past ten. I there exchanged some pots for some rage, and I left them til League back: they weighed 5. or 8. or perhaps 9 lbs. My basket was full, and heavy enough. It was before twelve when Chadwick's. I went over to the lad before mentioned to buy saw at the door, on the 19th or 20th of June, to my lawyer. M.

doesn't know it now. I was not told I should be pardoned. My attorney said nothing of the sort. He always told me if in, and asking Mary Scorah if she had heard anything of the I said I could see his face, and that he was a good-looking man murder at Mirfield. I believe Mary Scorah asked where, and there is nothing as sure as that there is a murder." Chas. did not say I am a pot hawker, and the people at that house

I did not say that I often called, but I might say that again I could near some one coming down stairs. I say he was tall. I said I saw his face; he kept the door in his | me anywhere. The justices had been sitting, but they three inches open. I said. "I asked if they wanted anydid not say that I went straight to Charley Flint's, but .

him all where I had been, so that he might go and exam

know me very well. I have often gone there, and sold them

had happened at Wraith's. I said yesterday, that when I was at Flint's, Flint came in and said they did not know how it had happened, whether by the thunder-storm, or they were theymight be killing fowls for the feast. Green asked me what I thought of the groaning. I said I thought the mistress might be poorly, and that the strange man who opened the door might be waiting upon her. I had never seen that man there before in my life. Do you mean to tell the jury that you beieved these statemen:s?-I thought they might be killing fowls. I did not think that the strange man was waiting upon the mistress, because I thought there would be a servant girl to Liversedge. I was well acquainted with the late Mr. James

one coming, after I heard the door closed. I know Mary bad one on. I paid him a sovereign in gold and six e. Il had Scorah, who is housekeeper to Flint. It would be three or crowns in silver that day. We were in the Old Ship, at the second time. The street or crowns in silver that day. We were in the Old Ship, at the second time. half-past when I was at Fil: t's the second time. The shower tom of Wakefield. He had a watch that day. I saw him pull it was going to set in when I went to Mc Kinneli's from Wraith's; out at the station, when waiting for the train. yards from Wrath's to Mc Kinnell's. I think it rained when I was at Mc Kinnell's: When I was at Smithson's it was fair. Flint might say that Mr. Wraith had had his head cut off, and Mrs. Wraith and the daughter; but he also mentioned about the thunderbolt. I might say that the man who came to the door was a red-faced man. I might say that I was afraid of

Wraith had bought a deal of pots of me.

could see anything when the door was open that I saw "lots of blood, great lots laid upon said that "I saw blood." Sheard asked me opened the door to me. I said, No, I was positive knew Mr. Wraith as well as he did. I did not say Did not say that the man the door, and that I went on to When at the Shoulder of Mutton I struck my three times on the table, and said, missed it—I see where I've missed it—I see where I've missed If I had told directly, the man might have been told there and then; but now he's gone and here I am " not recollect who the man was at that time. I knew his

when I saw him at the door. I had seen him an hour hater at Chadwick's. I did not see the whole of his face at Wraith' door. Did you not say before, that the door must have be open six inches, as you saw the whole of his face?" I don't Cross-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.—Supposing the know, I'm sure. By the Judge.—When I saw the man at the door, I was not sure it was the same man I had seen at Chadwick's, for I had no reason to suspect him of being locked up in the hone He had a cap on at Chadwick's, but not in the house not sure when I saw him at the door that he was the same man I had seen at Chauwick's, but became sure that nich I often see many men during the day whom I cannot recolled afterwards, without a study of two hours or so.—Then yo

> By Mr. Wilkins.—I gave Mr. Green directions that nich to apprehend the man who was endeavouring to exchange the brass taps at Chadwick's, but I did not tell Green the that was the man I had seen at Wraith's door. I would see him first, and not mention it until my wife was in a strange district, could get away to her own tow Hudderstield. She went three weeks after Reid was taken Green, when Reid was brought, that I did not know im. I do not know the piece of garter now produced. know whether it was ever in my hand before. There's no to my box; there was an umbrolla mender lodged in His name is Smith. "Does he use a soldering iron?" know what he uses. All I know is that he had old skeleto imbrellas. I dare say Reid is an Irishman; the man wh poke to me at Wraith's door was an Irishman. I work at labourer, as well as hawk. I laboured at Huddersheld ten o twelve years ago, with the spade. Patrick Reid was standing by me when I was committed. I did not turn round then a 'that's the man, and not me." I saw Green, police-office. n the Castle yesterday. I made a statement to him the fire time he came, and a second statement when he came again did mention Patrick Reid to him the first time he came. I to him when I left Chadwick's Reid was standing in the causeway at two lane ends, and had two chaps with him. before said anything about these two men being with Reid had ment oned the buying of the rope and bone before yester. day. I can't say positively which time it was that Green called when I told him about the two men. While the man was standing at the door, he was looking at me and lat him. -aw blood; I heard the door unlocked when I went up to it; heard it locked again after I'd gone, and I thought there was Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.—You saw and heard all this, and you thought there was nothing wrong?

Mc Cube.—No.

Mr. Sergeant Wilkins, significantly,—Very well, then Illask I came at the Town Gate, at Mirsteld. When I got | by sight who was with Reid. I understood I was committed went over a stile, and through a footpath which leads for trial by the coroner. When the Magistrates committee When I was in that footpath I Reid, they told me they would not commit me. Before the oman with a basket. I waited till she overtook me. | day on which Reid was committed, I had told my solicitor wards to Burrow's-lane. We then parted, and I went | beiter, and have got my living by working at any th asked him which way he went home. He said, | could. I married my wife at Huddersfield. Smith lodge head of the stairs. A person looking out of | in all my life. When I went home from Flint's I never went could see a person standing at the kitchen door. | into the room where the box was. When I saw Reid before the top landing of the stairs | the justices I knew him. I did tell Green that I did not know 'A person outside would be able to hear a per- | know who he was. I did not know the man's name when on when I saw him at Chadwick's, and also when I saw him at named Kilty. Before this was done he gave a description | the two lane ends. When he opened the door he had no This was on the 4th of June. Kilty's wife also gave | cap on. When I was at Flint's the first time after I had be said that if Mr. Ingham, the magistrate, knew that I could tell own to the Shoulder of Mutton. wet, for having pots on my head. I could not pretend to be choosing my steps. I never changed my shoes or my stocking that day. I did not wash my stockings that day. I told every met what I knew about the murder. Yesterday was the

reen, I wish to tell you how it was that I was at that house and sold them pots." He said. "the man who opened and was on his way to Mc Kinnell's, he looked back apprehended Reid on Friday morning, the 14th of May. Mr ll and Mr. Howarth went with me. He was taken to the Dewsbury lock-up. Mc Cabe first saw him about a week after at the magistrates' meeting. They were not confronted at all bethat. I believe. I cannot say that Mc Cabe told mea' any time did not know Reid. I don't know that ever he did.you swear he did not?"—I believe he did not, but can't erday that he told me it was Reid. I did not see Mr. Watts to speak to him all yesterday. Wheeler that Mc Cabe had said that Reid was the man who lodged in his house. I don't know that he mends metal vessels as well as umbrellas. I gave evidence against Mc Cabe before the magistrates. I sent him to the lock-up, Re-examined by Mr. Bliss.—Before I went to the gaol yesterday I was sent for. When I saw the prisoner I heard his When the man saw me he looked down and saw the blood, and | the same morning | I have got that minute here. The reward then put the door to So I sot hold or my basket, and the door | was offered about a fortnight ago. Kilty gave me a description of the soldering iron some time before the reward was effered. he reward has been offered since the 20th of June, the handbill is dated the 26th of June.

by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.—The morning after Mc Cabe's appre-

ension, as I was going out of the lock-up, he said, "Mr.

at Mirrield. I arrived at the late Mr. Wraith's house about quarter to two o'clock. I saw the several bodies lying dead. found a razor on Mr. Wraith's breast, and now produce if found this other razor in this case, which was open in a litile drawer in the front room. I found a key on the table, and that key would fit the drawer in which was the razor case. The razors appear to be a pair, and Mr. Wraith's name is or them both. I examined Mr. Wraith's pockets, and found the were turned out partly. In his left hand pocket there was a half sovereign. He had no watch about him. I was at the Shoulder of Mutton, about four o'clock, when Mc Cabe was Mc Cabe then made a statement in Leadbeater's presence. The kitchen door key could not be found. On the 9th of May. I was at Mr. Wraith's house, and we searched the The water was then about two feet from the top. pumped it out, and then sent Jonathan Ashton down with a When the bucket came up there was a key in it. this key to a lock produced by John Green, and it fit it The next time the bucket came up, the soldering from handle came up, and Ashton brought the iron in his own land. The from fitted the handle. I was with Richard Green when a conversation took place with Thomas Kilty. Before Killy saw the ron he described it to me. I examined the house but could find neither money nor watch Cross-examined by Sergeaut Wilkins.—I did not observe any lood on the window curtains that were pinned together. There vas but little blood on the pockets that were turned out. * evera ersons were present when the soldering iron was taken out I carefully examined the iron and gave it to Leadbeater. Kilty came to Green's house when I was there. suggested the searching of the well the day after the unrier,

Jonathan Ashton examined by Mr. Ingham.—I am a miner. went down the well at Mr. Wraith's and found a key, a soldering iron, and the handle to the soldering iron. John Green examined by Mr. Bliss.—I am a great nephew of the deceased James Wraith. I saw the lock taken off the kitchen door on the 17th of May. This is the lock, and I gave to Howarth, and saw it fit the key. I was there when the stable at Liversedge. I apprehended Mc Cabe five o'clock on the 12th of May. He had some pots and asses. He went with me to the Shoulder of Mutton. I was resent when the water was numbed out of the well. I re ceived the iron and shaft, and kept it until the day after, when ea e it to Green. I saw Kilty on the 4th of June, when here was something said about a soldering iron. Cross-examined by Sergeant Wilkins.—I believe the iron was shown to Kilty on the 4th. When I apprehended Mc Cabe, said you are my prisoner, concerning what you have been aying about the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Wraith and the servant girl. Mc Cabe said to me, when we were going on the

but being busily engaged in getting evidence, we put it of for a

road, he would tell all he knew about it Wilkins, with respect to this conversation.—I said I will tel you all I have seen and heard. I did not say to Leadle to tust I heard dreadful groaning at the time. again, and some person inside came with a slow step as walking on his tip toes, and that as he was coming I rattled my pots to let them know who was there. I did not say that he opened the door four inches, but between four and six inches. going to knock my head off. I did not say I went up the close but that I went up the cart way to Alc Kinnell's. I did not say 11's garden—about 180 vards from Wraith's house. beater I thought the old lady was poorly, and that t een killing fowls for the feast. I told him I sprinkled inside the latch, and a trifle under the door ne-examined by Mr. Buss.-I told Leadbeater I would go with him to any person he liked. Desired him to take me to he Justices, believing they were at the place where the mur-

John Leadbeater's cross-examination resumed.—Amongst other hings Mc Cabe said he heard dreadful groaning; that the man t the door had on a jacket with fustian sleeves; that he had telt very much frightened. I asked him if he had told them a said he could see much blood on the floor. I never heard him

place whilst we were going to Chadwick's Benjamin Wraith examined by Mr. Ingham.—I am the nephew f Mr. Wraith, and have succeeded to his property—about seven acres of land, the buildings, and about £860 uncle usually kept money in his house. I have had a plomis sory note for £500 put into my hands since the murder I have been living in the house ever since. No watch has been found in the house, or money either, so far as I know. I was kept from going into the house whilst the constables had pos ession.

I was there when a hat was found; it was there when I went into the house, which was the saturday following the murder. I was in the house on the day of the murder. I don't recollect seeing a hat then. I have seen two and three hats there beforetime. My uncle had a watch. Cross-examined by Mr. Wilkins.—It was a silver watch. The hat I found in the house was too large for me; my uncle wore John Pawson, examined by Mr. Bliss.—I am a stonemason at wait upon her. I did not say that when I went away I looked Wraith. I last saw him alive on Monday, the 10th of May, back three or four times to see if any one was coming after was at Wakefield with him that day. When he went with me

me, but I did say that I looked back to see if there was any he had a very decent hat on, but when I first saw him he had a Bennie Parker, examined by Mr. Overend.—I am a step son of the late Mr. Wraith—son of Mrs Wraith. I was at his house on the 11th of May. I saw him counting some money. One piece fell; it was a sovereign. Mrs. Wranh was about 65. I saw them alive and well at nine o'clock on the morning of the 12th. Mr. Wraith was in the garden, and Mrs. Wraith and the servant in the kitchen. Mr. Wraith was about 76. Ann Lockwood examined by Mr. Inguam.—I live at Mirfield

I was once servant to Mr. and Mrs. Wraith, for between two

and three years. They usually dined at from a quarter to half-

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as amuser, I ve model two sets of fire-irons when I was there. of grey stockings, and a pair of shoes. I also got a brown coat, a fire-irons. There were two sets of fire-irons when I was there. The poker produced is very much like the kitchen poker; the a pair of fustion trowsers, a plaid cap, a basket, and a piece The power produced to heavy as the one produced. They had of brown paper. I examined the green coat, in order to disparlour poker was not so heavy as the one produced. They had of brown paper. I examined the green coat, in order to disparlour poker was not so heavy as the one produced. They had parlour poker was not at a loss and at disner time by Mrs. Wraith, cover if there was any blood upon it, chemically and by the Two caus, which were the kitchen door when I lived and the control of blood—six spots or who put down her own plate when she had finished her dinner. Microscope, I discovered some spots of blood—six spots or who put down her own plate when she kitchen door when I lived There was such a key as this to the kitchen door when I lived sets of spots. I subjected several of those spots to chemical requently came once a week during the time I was there. (I that they were blood. It had the certainty of a fact in my requently came last October.) He usually stayed a quarter mind that they were blood. I came to a clear and decided of an hour or 20 minutes. He came hawking. He used to talk opinion that the spots were very fresh. When I examined with the master and mistress; sometimes one, sometimes the them, say on the 15th, I was of opinion that they had not been oranges. the mistress ordered it for him, and I gave it him. I up to recently. Some of the spots were on the back. I formed have not seen Mc Cabe at the house. Master kept his money in the opinion that the spots were human blood. The experi-B drawer against the window; it was one of the top short ments on which I formed this opinion were made with the a drawers. That drawer used to be kept locked, and he carried microscope; but I think it right to say that the microscope is the key in his pocket. Cross-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.—They used to be very kind to this man. I know Mc Cabe now, but did not when

at Wraith's. He came hawking at the place where I lived after Tleft Mr. Wraith's. I live with my sister, Mary Hallas, and have done so since I left Mr. Wraith's. By the Judge.—I have known Mc Cabe about twelve months. He went about frequently with his pots. Helen Healey examined by Mr. Bliss.—I am the wife of there had been blood on the brown paper, but not blood in the Jonathan Healey. I live near Sunny Bank. I know the Wit- original state. I found one spot on the brown coat—a small Johnston Learney. I remember him calling on the 12th of May, at one, but large enough to enable me to form an opinion that it ness in value minutes past ten. He did not come in. I was blood, and recent. It is on the left sleeve. I found no blood spoke to him and he walked on. I saw him again about half- on the blue stockings. The grey stockings were not bloody, nor spoke w mill and coming from Mirfield and going towards the shoes, nor do I believe they had been. I made experiments past one; no was introver in that direction. Our house is half on a soldering iron and a key, with a view to ascertain if there Robert Town. Flint lives in that direction. a mile from Mr. Wraith's, I should think.

George Smithson. We live at Royd Nook, about a quarter of a | would be remnants of the animal matter. mile from Wraith's. Mc Cabe called at our house on the 12th any pois. I gave him some rage for two plates. He asked me resist solution in water; but if the iron had been thrown into if he might leave the raxs till he came back again. He came the well with the blood quite fresh, it would wash off. between one and two. He then "sammed" his rags up, and asked would also depend on the agitation or non-agitation of the ner. He went towards his own home when he left. Cross-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.—Mc Cabe has come | would not come. When blood coagulates it forms a sort of He had never left rags with me before. The rags might weigh | not say how long it takes for blood to coagulate; but perhaps His basket was at the door; it was not full. said nothing of what he had seen at Wraith's when he smoked

pretty sharply when I saw him.

Re-examined by Mr. Bliss -It was a good sized basket, and there were some plates and a tea-pot in it; they were the main | of of what I saw.

Hannah Hallas examined by Mr. Ingham.—I live at Mirfield perhaps a quarter of a mile from Mr. Wraith's house. I know Mc Cabe. I saw him on the day of the murder. It struck one when he was at our house; that was by our clock, which was a house perhaps ten minutes or so. He went the direct road to call at a few houses, and then he would take down to old Mr. Wraith's. He said Mr. Chadwick had given him an order for some pints and glasses, and he would go to old Mr. Wraith's, and then he must go home and fetch them. house before that came on. When he came to our house,

Mary Scorah examined by Mr. Buss.-I am the wife of Henry Scoran, and the housekeeper of Charles Flint. I was at Flint's on the 12th of May last. I remember Mc Cabe coming that day. He first came about ten in the forenoon. He got some pots an went away: he came back at from two to half-past. He brought some pots, and some rags and bones with him. The rags were weighed, there was half a stone of sheeting, and a pound white rags. There was a half-pennyworth of hand rags. He went away, and returned in about twenty minutes with some "tot" glasses. He said he was going to take some pint pe s to the Shoulder of Mutton. He was dressed the same each time. Cross-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins-Wraith's house i about half a mile from ours. When Flint came in he asked me if I had heard of the murder at Mirfield; he said nothing Mrs. Wraith, and the daughter." Mc Cabe then said he had in it," or "none knew of it but us two.". the house that day himself. Charley asked him what sort of a man opened the door. He said he was a good-like man, a red-faced man, and from 24 to 25 years of age. He said he saw lots of blood upon the floor. Charley asked him if he saw anything else, and he said, "No, but he heard groans -heavy grouns indeed." He then said "the man locked the door after him, and he put his pots on his head, and walked forward a bit." He said "he looked back, and thought what a foolish man he was to be frightened" I asked him if he did not te John McKinnell about hearing the groans and seeing He said Mr. Wraith was in the habit of buying a deal of pots of him, and if he set a scandal on his house he would buy no more. Before Charley came in he had not said a single word about Mr. Wraith. Re-examined by Mr. Bliss-I am sure he said "lots of blood," and not spots. I don't recollect him sayin; he heard "moans

Charles Flint and William Sheard were next called by the counsel for the prosecution, but they were merely put into the | some beer. I did not know that the girl had bought some canbox for cross-examination by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins, as to the | glesticks. statements made by McCabe, with a view to contradict him, as in the case of some of the preceding witnesses. Both of them maintained their previous evidence as to what Mc Cabe had said to them, and which he now denied. At a quarter to eight, his Lordship intimated that it was

quite impossible to go further to-night, and having stated the jury that arrangements were made for their accommodation in the Castle, the Court was adjourned to the next morning. TUESDAY, July 20. The Court resumed its sitting this morning at nine o'clock. At

an early hour the outer gates of the Castle were thronged with a dense crowd of people, whose anxiety for admission was most intense. The gates, however, were not thrown open to the public generally till half-past eight o'clock, and the rush was then fearful In five minutes every available seat was taken. The galleries were literally crammed.

CASE FOR THE PROSECUTION CONTINUED. Joshua Ellis examined by Mr. Buss.-I live at Dewsbury, and am a manufacturer of wootlen cloths. I have been in that business thirty years. The two garters produced are not of the same fabric in my opinion. One is wider than the other It is difficult to speak as to the bleaching, as one is more work than the other. I think one is a little inner in the spinning than the other. The material is pretty much the same. . loah Sheard examined by Mr. Ingham .- I live at a place called the Ctv. in Mirfield. I know Patrick Reid. On the day of Mr. Whith's murder I saw Patrick Reid at our house, between eleven and twelve. Our house is between 400 and 500 yard

from Mr. Wraith's. He had a cap on—a plaid cap. I said,

"Patrick, you've a cap very like mine." He said, "Yes, lad.

He had a basket with him, which he put on the table and. He was at our house five minutes. Joshua Senior, examined by Mr. Overend.—I live at Lee Green, in Mirtield. I saw Mc Cabe on the 12th of May coming | has taken refuge in Reid's when I have been thrashing he stay many minutes. I saw him come out, and go in a direction | Mr. Wraith's. He had a plaid cup on, a dark green coat, and I have several nick-names. a light coloured waistcoat and trowsers.

been gone ten minutes when Reid came. Jane Chadwick examined by Mr. Buss.—My husband keeps the Shoulder of Mutton. On the day of the murder, Mc Cabe was at our house at twelve o'clock. It struck whilst he was there. I gave him an order for some pints and glasses. said he would bring them next morning. He brought them on the same day, in the afternoon. I saw Patrick Reid that day He came in about ten minutes after Mc Cabe went out. only stopped whilst I asked him about some brass taps. then went out towards the City.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.—I am positive

Re-examined by Mr. Bliss.—Did not see which way Mc Cabe

Mc Cabe had been gone ten minutes when Reid came in.

Martha Ann Lockwood examined by Mr. Ingham .- I am the daughter of John Lockwood. His house is in the next field but one to Mr. Wraith's. Our house is four or five yards from the side of the footpath. I saw Reid on the day of the murder, about half-past tweive. He called at my father's house; he stayed three or four minutes. He went down the lootpath leading to Mr. Wraith's when he left. I saw Mc Cabe that day about twenty minutes after I saw Reid. He called at our house. He asked if we wanted any pots. We told him no. He went down the same footpath.

Marmaduke Shepley examined by Mr. Overend.—I reside in the City, and occupy a field in which there's a footpath from Lee Green to Wraith's house, and past there to Water Royd and West Fields. I was in this field on the 12th of May. I saw Patrick Reid going along that footpath at half-past twelve, as near as I can tell. He was going towards Mr. Wraith's field had a dark cap on, and a dark green coat. Harrict Webster examined by Mr. Bliss.—My husband occu-

Reid had a basket with hardware in when he called.

pies a house in Water Royd Lane The footpath from Mr. Wraith's is near our house. I saw Reid on the day of the murtowards Mr. Wraith's. He did not stop at our house, or speak Izotta Webster examined by Mr. Ingham.—Our house is nearer

to Mr. Wraith's than Joseph Webster's. I saw Patrick Reid on Benjamin Morton examined by Mr. Overend.-I am a

hawker, and live at Mirfie'd. I know Mc Cabe and Reid. On statements had reached their ears; and, giving them credit for had proved Reid's statement, even to every inch of ground as he the 12th of May I was walking from the Cross Road to Royd | the holiest impulses and the best feelings which could influence | himself described it that day. Mr. Sergeant Wilkins then went Lane. I saw Mc Cabe ten yards from John Mc Kinnell's garden. | mankind, the very narrative itself would be calculated to harrow | through Reid's statement in detail, observing that he defied any house. I was 20 yards below Garside's garden end, and 30 or up their feelings and give them cause to pray for almost more than human being to disprove one single syllable of that statement from 35 yards from McKinnell's garden. I was going towards the human aid that their judgment might not be disarmed in the dis- beginning to end. It was important to notice the time at which Baptist chapel, and I accidentally turned my head aside, and | charge of that all-important duty which they were called upon to | Reid was at the different places. At eleven he was seen passing | them the world is a prison. They may escape the fetters of the saw Reid. I did not see his face, but am sure it was him. He perform. The history of the world furnished them with thousands in Shillbank-lane towards Mirfield. At ten minutes past twelve he trowsers and a cap on. Mc Cabe was walking. They both and tens of thousands of proofs that indignation for crime had often was at the Shoulder of Mutton Inn, where Mc Cabe says he saw had their baskets. Mc Cabe was going towards Wraich's. | led to still greater crime being committed by the parties enterlain- | him; but here Mc Cabe is contradicted by both Mr. Chadwick, the Mc Cabe would be sixty yards from Reid, to the best of my ing that indignation. Whether they looked at the history of the landlady, and Joshua Senior. From their testimony it is impossible Came on. I was then at the low side of Taylor's school. There multitude or by himself, over and over again that Mc Cabe could have seen Reid there. Reid did not enter the Was thunder and lightning. 300 yards when the storm came on.

after I saw Mc Cabe and Reid. When I saw the flash of lightning I was at the low side of the Methodist chapel gates. John Barker examined by Mr. Buss.—I am a clothier at Mirfield. On the day of the murder I had some warps in a field 20 yards from the wall adjoining Mr Wraith's field. I was rather Detter than 100 yards from Mr. Wraith's house. I heard a dismal might be from the girls or boys. That school was in the same

the shower came. Cross-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.—It looked cloudy before I had got one warp in, and whilst taking in the second d heard the shriek. I thought the shower was a quarter before

Eigh," and I looked and saw Patrick Reid, in the footpath They went up towards the church.

bank-lane. I saw Reid on the 12th of May go past the house, hat on. He had a cap on when he went.

Elizabeth Armytage examined by Mr. Bliss.—We keep the Castle Hall public-house, near the church, at Mirfield. I saw

miles from Mirfield church, and about half-a-mile from his own door. There is a pathway all the way from Mirfield church to Burrow's-lane. I cannot say how he was dressed, but I saw he had a cap on,

a little after three o'clock. He had on a green coat, fustian trow-Bers, and a light-coloured waistcoat. I searched his father's house on the lat. of June. Mr. Martin found a plaid cap, which John Marlin examined by Mr. Overend.—I searched Reid's father's house, on the 1st of June, and found a plaid cap in the kitchen, at the top of a box. [Witness produces the cap.]

Joseph Cowgill.—The prisoner lived with his father.

past twolve, and they were generally half an hour over the and Mrs. Wraith with her face to the window. When they were some articles of dress from Richard Green, on and after the I know the man at the bar; have seen him often. He tests, and examined them by the microscope. I considered He hawked hardware, and occasionally he came with on the cloth a week. I examined the spots on the green coat-I have known him take retreshment there, in the on the 15th, and then I tried experiments from time to time test, especially after blood is dried. The theory of this experiment is this:-Under the microscope, human blood shows round discs. Fowls' blood shows oval discs. I took human blood, ox blood, sheep's blood, and pigs' blood, all dry, for examination, and the suspected blood strongly resembled the human blood, and differed from the others. found one small spot on the basket. On the trowsers I found no blood. I found spots of blood on the plaid cap. I thought was any animal matter upon them. I found animal matter on a mile from Mr. Wilkins, He was walking both the key and the soldering iron. I go no further than to say animal matter—I do not say what sort. If the soldering Mary Smithson examined by Mr. Overend.—I am the wife of liven had blood upon it when thrown into the water, there

t light his pipe. He did so, and stayed nearly a water whether there would be remains of blood left on the wight was ten feet deep in | rof an hour. I noticed nothing unusual about his man- iron or not; but in this instance the well was ten feet deep in be addressed to the surgeon than the chemist. I ought to be a chemist, but certainly am not a surgeon. If the blood had only been on the iron five minutes, I should expect it would wash

By Mr. Buss.—Fibrine is the constituent part of blood which after coagulation resists solution in water. I found fibrine on the handle of the soldering-iron, which, in my opinion, judging from all the circumstances, was the remains of blood. Richard Green examined by Mr. Bliss.—I gave the brown | coat to Mr. West. I took it from Mc Cabe myself, and also the blue stockings. I got the shoes from Mc Cabe. I got the green | coat and fustian trowsers from Reid. Cowgill gave me the plaid cap. I got the basket and paper at Reid's house. I have had Patrick Reid in my custody. I recollect a gentleman of the name of Watts coming to Mc Cabo. Either that day Cross-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.—I remember the or the day after Reid sent for me. He asked me if I knew came up the high road, in the direction from the Shoulder of it was thought by the public that two men could not do it—that there had been some more men connected with the murder; and I said I had read in the papers that the police were after two other men. I did not caution him. because had no idea of being called as a witness. When I said that, he said to the effect that "there were none in it." or "none knew of it but them two." He did not say what two. I can't recol lect the exact words. I am certain he said "them two." told him I had read that he and the servant girl had quarrelled about a tea-caddy, and that he had said he would do for her at some time. He said "as he stood there it was all lies: never had a quarrel, nor anything about a tea-caddy.' . "Do you know what Mc Cabe has said to Mr. Watts?" said. "no, because they were alone." He said in one part of the conversation. "what do you think of the case?" and I said 'vou stand in an awkward predicament, for even if innocent if the jury find you guilty, you will be executed," or some about the family having been struck dead with the thunder or | thing of that sort. When I spoke about the police being after lightning. I said what murder? And he said, "Mr. Wraith, other two men, the words he used were "there were none Cross-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.—I will not swear to the precise words, because I did not write them down, and

it is possible that I may have mistaken their import. Wraith Green examined by Mr. Overend-I am great nephew to the late Mr. Wraith. I saw him alive on the 11th of May, in his own field. 'Reid used to call about once a week at my uncle's. The week before Christmas I saw him there getting some refreshment. He went away, and returned in about fly minutes. He said to the servant girl he had lost a tea caddy and she had taken it out of his basket. She said she had not He said she had. I fetched my uncle, and Patrick told him. My uncle told him to go away from the premises, and not come again. As he was going away he said, "I'll be revenged of you some time or other," and then my uncle told me to fetch Mr. Howarth, the constable. He went away, and I did not go to Howarth's. Thave never seen Reid at my uncle's from that

Rosannah Hallas examined by Mr. Ingham.—I know Reid. met him about Easter last, about 400 yards from Wraith's house He pointed towards James Wraith's house; there were other two in the same direction. He asked me what they called the girl at that house, pointing to Wraith's, and said "the d-bhas taken something from my basket, and I'll serve her out I smiled and said, "You should let the girls alone." I thought it wasa joke.

Thomas Kilty, examined by Mr. Bliss.—I am a hawker at Day Green, near the prisoner's father's. I borrowed a soldering iron from the prisoner's father. I had it four months in my possession, except ten days. I know the day of the murder. I saw Reid the day before in my house, about two o'clock. The soldering iron was then in the corner over the coals. n the corner, and he might go and fetch it. He did so, and took it away with him. My wife used it sometimes as a poker I gave a description of the iron three times before I saw it. soldering iron produced is the self and same. I know it from being burnt at the handle, through neglect, and also by a hole in the point which I caused by subduing it with sand whils? hot. The opposite side, too, wants subduing, as was the case with the one I had. It is now bent more than it was when I

Cros:-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.—I trade in spectacles and repair them. I do nothing else. I have so traded or four years. I have never attended fairs, as a regular thing. I have attended Dewsbury fair. I never kept a thimble table, nor none of my "breed." I was in Wakefield prison for 14 days. I have been about three times in prison. I never was in prison in Ireland. I left Ireland when I was upon the breast, and was brought up in Huddersfield until about 18 years of age. have been in prison at Manchester. Gloucester, and Wakefield. I might perhaps thrash my wife sometimes, but cannot say whether she has ever taken refuge in Reid's father's house. my oath I cannot say that, whether she has or not. How can tell all the places she has gone to? I don't suppose I have left her many black eyes in her life time. Cannot yet say that she in the direction from Wraith's. He was about twenty yards | She may have done. I have never accused Reid of being too from the Shoulder of Mutton. He was in the high-road, intimate with my wife, or my wife with him. I have never between Hallas's and Lee Green, Walking along. This would be | quarrelled or fought with the prisoner. At the time Reid came about twelve o'clock. I saw Reid that day, coming up the Lee | for the soldering iron, no one was in the house but myself, and Green, from the City. He went to the Shoulder of Mutton; my wife, and a child. There is no one here but me and my this was ten minutes after I saw Michael Mc Cabe He did not | wife to speak to the soldering iron; but my sister-in-law. Mary Woldron, or Kilty, could speak to it if she would tell the truth. to Mr. Wraith's house. I saw him go up for about 100 yards. I | I heard of the soldering from being found after the murder, but saw him turn in towards the City. That is in the direction to | can't fix the time. I have always gone by the name of Kilty.

Re-examined by Mr. Bliss.—I was in Wakefield for deserting Cross-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins -I saw Mc Cabe | At Manchester I was committed under the vagrant act. At come out of Chadwick's, before Red went in. He would have | Gloucester I was in gaol for desertion—for the same desertion as at Wakefield. Catherine Kilty, examined by Mr. Ingham.—I am wife of the last witness. I saw the prisoner the night before the murder. He came to our house for a soldering iron. He asked for it. and got it. I said. "Are you preparing for the row to-night and he said "No, my father wants it." I said, "Any person who gets a blow or two of that will never know what happens

them." He took the iron in his hand, and weighing it up and down, said, "No, they won't." He then went his way. It was said that the English were going to put all the Irish out of Daw Green that had not been there five years, and the row was expected that night. This was the row I alluded to. The iron had been in our house many weeks before that. I had used it to poke the fire with. This is the iron, and no other iron. know it quite well Cross-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins -It was day-light dien Reid came. My husband came in at four or five o'clock. Ie was there when the prisoner came. My husband thrashed me sometimes. When I "desurved it," he served me right. He had called at Lockwood's and Mc Kinnell's without ap-

Laughter.) I have never taken refuge in Reid's house, when e was thrashing me. Reid is no friend of mine-quite a stranger. I heard of the iron being found, perhaps nine days or a week after the fair-the day of the murder. Mr. Bliss.-That, my Lord, is the case for the prosecution.

It was now twenty minutes to two o'clock,

THE DEFENCE. mere gratification of self and for the desire of pelf, had circulated the other, and then they would see whether he was justified in what circulated on every hand. No doubt many of those rumours and on the part of the prosecution to the very letter. His Learned Friend they would discern such to arise from honest indignation. house for ten minutes after Mc Cabe had left. Of that Mrs. Chad-Cross-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.—I had got about In moments of anger—their forefathers and contemporaries wick is sure; and Senior saw Reid enter the house ten minutes sielding to indignation had been hurried into faults, injustice, after Mc Cabe had departed. Mc Cabe also said that he saw Reid Re-examined by Mr. Bliss.—I saw the flash of lightning and cruelty, even greater than what had existed in those standing at the two lane ends after having been at Chadwick's with and the disgrace which Christianity had sustained by their indigna- had left; and Senior also saw Reid go up the road for 100 yards. adjoining Mr. Wraith's field. I was there that day. I heard | tion was ten thousand times more than had been inflicted upon it by | towards "the city," in a contrary direction to that Mc Cabe says be something that attracted my attention. I was standing about infidelity itself. How easy might such be the result in an isolated saw him in. But here then we have Reid at ten or fifteen minutes case like the present! It might be that, in listening to the recital past twelve. At thirty minutes past he is at Lockwood's, at the of this dreadful tale, and in sympathising with the hapless and un- entrance to the footpath leading from Lee Green to Mr. Wraith's, I thought it came from Mr. Wraith's house. Then there's the offending victims, their feelings might have been roused—their and on into Water Royd Lane. He calls at Lockwood's house. He Baptist school about 200 yards from the place, and I thought it indignation might have been excited—and, whilst yielding to those does not merely show himself at the window like Mc Cabe, but he direction from me as Mr. Wraith's house. This might be 20 feelings, they might, perhaps, without that inquiry and investiga- enters the house, and stays four or five minutes. He then passes minutes before the shower. I had got home at Lee Green when | tion which they would give to ordinary topics and subjects, be along down the footpath, and himself accosts the witness Shepley hurried to a conclusion at variance with justice and reason, and as he passes. He is next, and as soon after as he can get there, seen which, if they entertained them to the full, they might have reason by the two Websters, in Water Royd Lane. To get here he had to regret upon reflection. He, therefore, entreated them, by the passed in the front of Mr. Wraith's garden, down the regular footthey had vowed to do justice, as between man and man-he en- footpath near the Towngate going towards the church, and where he they respected the solemn trust confided to them by their country— Barker's evidence; the murder as fixed by the shriek and the shower plumber, at Town Gate, in Mirfield. I have known Reid for he entreated them, by the interests, temporal and eternal, of that must have been over when Reid was at the house of the Wraiths'. twelve months. I saw his mother on the day of the murder, young man—he entreated them to go with him, calmly and dis- The shriek showed that it must have been before half-past twelve that between one and two. I saw her first at our door. She called out passionately, and if any impression at this moment had been made it was perpetrated; and it was after that time that Reid left Lockfrom him. He stopped when his mother called. His mother and implored them to obliterate it from their minds, and to listen | therefore, he had shown that it was impossible for the murder to Went up the field to him. This was between the two showers. to the observations which he should address to them, not out of have been committed by Reid, or for him to have been engaged in it. respect to him—he had no right to claim it at their hands—but out It was indispensably necessary that much of the time of the jury him guilty; and certainly, as light succeeds to darkness, execution Hannah Barker examined by Mr. Overend.—I am the wife of of respect for themselves and the duty they had to discharge; he should be occupied in investigating this case. They had to decide would follow. It is an awful and fearful supposition; and before I bank-lane Town Daid on the life of a fellow creature; and not near eleven, towards Mirfield, from Day Green. He had his case, and he thought he should show (though he might be deceiv- only his life, but his interests beyond the grave, and therefore basket with thim, in a bag on his back. I saw him again at | ing himself, he was subject to wrong impressions as well as other | he felt sure there need be no apology for detaining them some nearly two. He was then coming back again. He then had a men)—but he thought he should succeed in convincing them before time longer. He would first of all call their attention to the evidence he sat down, that beyond all question, Michael Mc Cabe was at as it had been laid before them, and he would take it in its order. least one of the criminals in the commission of this dreadful tragedy, He would not miss one witness, for he had nothing to fear from the Reid's mother on the 12th of May, near two o'clock, at our and he also thought he should very likely prove to demonstration testimony which had been given, but every thing to hope for if it was that it was almost impossible for the man at the bar, Patrick Reid, to fairly weighed by them. The Learned Counsel then went through Baria in Holroyd examined by Mr. Ingham. - I work for Mr. have been one. This was not a hastily formed assumption. It was the evidence which had been given, and commented particularly on Hague, the magistrate. I saw Reid at half-past two on the day from Mirfield towards Daw Green. He would be about two miles from the from t tien, and he need hardly say of no small emotion. He did not speak and that the statement which he made on the previous day was at public and the prisoner at the bar. That a grave crime had been miles from the church, and half a mile from his own house. I hastily nor unadvisedly. He had well weighed every fact in this utter variance with that he had made before. He also asked the jury committed there was no doubt; but the question for inquiry by the saw Reid at the Daw Green end of Burrow's-lane, about two case; and after having given to it the utmost attention that time and whether they would rely upon the evidence of Kilty, a man who, jury was, whether or not the murder had been perpetrated by the man who whether they would rely upon the evidence of Kilty, a man who, jury was, whether or not the murder had been perpetrated by the man who whether they would rely upon the evidence of Kilty, a man who, jury was, whether or not the murder had been perpetrated by the man who whether they would rely upon the evidence of Kilty, a man who, jury was, whether or not the murder had been perpetrated by the man who was a superior that the considering this question that must opportunity and desire would admit, he had come to the conclusion, from his own showing, had been three times in gaol, and who, if his charged with the offence; and in considering this question they must

William West examined by Mr. Burs.—I am a Fellow of the the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the admitted incidents and circumstances in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the case, because he not time to look in the look in welve, and they were generally half an hour over the word at the found. 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It was a most unlikely weapon for formed, and not upon any considerations calculated to affect their was murder, and robbery of a portion of the house. There could be him to use, because he must have been well aware if he had done so feelings. And he would therefore now proceed to call their attention no dispute that the murder was committed with a blunt instrument, he would have been furnishing something like a proof of his own to the testimony in this case, and, as he went along, to make such and the other portions of it were committed with a sharp instrument. | guilt. He hoped the jury would be of opinion that the fact relating | remarks as the evidence appeared to him to suggest. Speaking of Having admitted these facts, he would call attention to the history; to the soldering iron had had more importance attached to it than it the fact of Mc Cabe having borrowed 16.1. on the afternoon of the of the man, Mc Cabe, on that day; and, he thought, when they deserved. He, however, did not say that there were not suspicious murder, to buy some glasses, his Lordship observed, that that was came to consider that history, when properly laid before them, they circumstances about this case, because it was the easiest thing in the remarkable, if Lic Cabe had been concerned in the murder, and had would be of opinion that he (Mr. W.) was well-grounded in saying world to create suspicion. But he felt satisfied that they would not got any of the money which had been taken from Mr. Wraith's house. that Reid was not one of the parties engaged in that dreadfuland cruel | come to the conclusion to eacrifice a man's life upon mere auspicion. | His Lordship took great pains in going through Mc Cabe's evidence occurrence. He would invite attention to the appearance Mc Cabe had Beyond all doubt if the evidence satisfied them, they could come to Referring to the alieged contradictions, he said there was no shown when in the witness-box. They had seen his manner—they had no other conclusion than that the prisoner was guilty; but if doubt that Mc Cabe had made a statement very soon after the comseen his visage—they had seen his tremour for a time—they had beard | they were not satisfied then it would be their bounden and pleasing | mission of the murder, and that he had afterwards varied the his equivocation, his contradictions, prevarications, and inconsisten- duty to say he was not guilty. He then alluded at length to the account of what he had seen and heard—at least his account was cles. These would have, he thought, their proper and due weight with evidence of Mc Cabe, whose conduct in this transaction he likened varied—in terms. But it would be for the jury to consider them; and although it would be idle, and worse than idle to lay much | to that described by the pen of a graphic writer "Lingering about | whether there was any real and substantial variance. No one stress upon appearances, yet Nature was sometimes an index of her- the spot of his guilt, trembling every moment lest same circumstance had been called to corroborate Mc Cabe's statement as to buying self, and he would ask them, before he went any further-[here should arise to convict, him; anxiously alive to watch for those cir- the bone and rope of the boy; at the same time it might be pointing his finger to Reid and then to the witness-box]-to "look | cumstances, not daring to leave the spot lest the evidence itself should | a question whether that circumstance was of much importance. upon this picture and on that." They had seen Mc Cabe—they had exhibit itself." No human being could hear that man's evidence with- | With regard to McCabe going to Wraith's house, the testimony seen Reid. They would have discovered, also, that Mc Cabe, in his outcoming to the conclusion not only that he has been wicked enough of several witnesses tended to corroborate the statement of his being statement on the previous day, had contradicted many very important to commit the murder, but that, in order to save himself, he thought there at the time he mentioned. Still, as Reid was standing by statements he had before made; and they must have discovered that he would bring the neck of another within the noose. In the opening Mc Cabe at the time he (Mc Cabe) was being committed for trial on every one of those contradictions had been made to suit the exigency speech, the jury had heard a good deal about "a hat." Mr. Wraith the charge of murder, it was certainly remarkable that he had not of the moment. He had made every attempt yesterday to reconcile had two hats; one was gone. The witnesses, too, had been pressed | fixed upon him as the person whom the saw when he called at his statement with existing facts, having ascertained that statements on this point. Mr. Wraith's nephew had deposed that but one hat Wraith's house. It was a most remarkable circumstance, if the jury made by him before were at variance with truth, and could not could be found, though he significantly added that the constables went upon the supposition that Mc Cabe himself was not concerned in be credited. What had Mc Cabe been about on the day in question? would not let him into the house for several days, that he might see the murder. If he were innocent, and merely a speciator, which he He had been seen constantly hovering about Mr. Wraith's house— what there was. Then many witnesses had been asked what Reid represented himself to be, never having been in the house at all, it and he used the word "hovering" advisedly—and they found he had on his head before he went to Wraith's house; and the answers was singular that he should say nothing as to Reid being the man, did not do as Reid did, he had not gone from point to point were, "a cap." One witness had been asked that question who saw when he was standing by his side at the time. It might alter the mile from Wraith's. Mc Cabe cance at our model of the stances. There is a portion of blood which after a time will about his business, but the witnesses described Mc Cabe as going Reid after he had been at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and the answer was, "a hat." opinion of the jury, if they believed that Mc Cabe was at the house, and t towards Mr. Wraith's, and from Mr. Wraith's, nearly the whole The object of all this was plain. It was sought to be insinuated but had dissembled in his evidence as to the part he represented himof that morning. Besides this, he was found telling different into their minds that Reid had gone away, after committing three self to have taken in the transaction. As to the soldering iron, it had tales to different parties, and when apprehended his stock- murders, in the hat of one of his victims. The jury would, how- been said to have been described by Kilty before he say it. But it ings were wet above the ankle, and the soles only of his shoes ever, remember the question he put to Mr. Wraith's nephew; and had been in two or three hands before it was shown to him by the were wet: and Mr. Green, the constable, had told them that when the answer that Mr. Wraith had a much larger head than even constable; the all the witnesses denied that it had been seen by Kilty he saw those stockings he had no doubt they had been washed. him (the nephew). The jury, too, had noticed the diffurence in up to that time. If they were satisfied with the evidence upon the How else could be account for it, and for what purpose had be size between the comparatively large head of that nephew and the subject of the soldering iron, it was certainly a most material circumdone it? It was in evidence that there were pools of blood in three small head of the prisoner; and with these incts, they could not stance, as affecting the prisoner at the bar. Another question for different parts of the house which had been trodden about. What believe, even if Reid had been the man to take these three lives, the jury was, whether they believed that what Mr. West had stated he sort of shoes had Mc Cabe on? They were in a very bad state of that he would have departed from the ground in what could only had discovered upon the coat of the prisoner, and upon the soldering repair, full of holes in the bottom; and if he had been the party who have been a broad-brimmed extinguisher. But this question was iron, was what he said it was—not only blood, but human blood. It stepped in this blood, then it would very well be understood why the set at rest; for while Hannah Barker, of Shillbank-lane, says that would be for them to say whether they could entirely rely upon an stockings had been washed. The garter which had been produced, she saw: Reid pass towards Daw Green with "a hat" on, it was analysis so extremely minute; for Mr. West had undertaken to say

one which was found on one of Caroline Ellis's legs. They had who next saw Reid, and within a little distance of this Shillbankhad Mr. Ellis produced to show that these garters were not pairs: lane, said distinctly that he had still "a cap" on. He now came but the jury should remember that these same prosecutors had once to the testimony of Mr. West; and while he at once frankly human blood. Mr. West might be right or he might be wrong. His attempted to "fix" Mc Cabe with these garters, though now they admitted that that gentleman and others of his profession had sought to contradict their former evidence. He (Mr. Wilkins) had | been of the greatest service to society—that their discoveries and that he was not a competent witness. An old woman who stood on | neither disguise, from himself-nor them that a scientific man could the steps of that court, and who got her livelihood by knitting garters, never forget that it was necessary for him, on every occasion and would have been a far better witness. And in what did these two under all circumstances, to show and exhibit himself as a scientific garters differ? In the width. That old woman would have told man. This was their failing; and accordingly trivial things were them that even if each width was exact at first, unless they were | magnified into matters of vast importance, and the world were that the material was not similar; nor dare any one say that they while "opinions" were delivered with all the solemnity and pre-How did you become possessed of it? Let the jury remember the his "experiments," and dealt out his "opinions;" and money was gone—the watch was gone—the wedding ring was gone— | what after all did they amount to? Why, with all his and, no doubt, several other articles. These would probably be tests, his analyses, and his microscope, he had not been wrapped up in something—and the garter of the poor girl as she lay able to get together from his "spots" and his "sets of on the floor might be the readlest and most available means of tying | spots" as much blood as would cover a shilling! How idle was all the things together in their wrapper. Then Mc Cabe had been home. | this! A microscope to discover "pin-point" spots of blood on the He had been where he could have access to this box; the piece of | clothing of a man who had committed three murders; where there garter was found there! To-day Mc Cabe "knew nothing of it." It | were three large pools of blood trampled about in the house; the door was in his box; yet he "had never seen it before." But did the | handle covered; the silver pint half filled from the steeping hand jury notice his tremor when he touched it? Did they notice his man- | the murderer; the table cloth covered with heavy drippings from that ner? Did they notice his anxiety to get rid of it? Did they see with same hand; and blood bespattered about on the walls and ceilings;what reluctance he perjured it? No doubt they did: and they would and yet, with all the investigation, microscope and all, not so much know what to infer from the whole matter. Why had not McCabe | could be got together, as could be accounted for by a cut finger or a attempted to implicate Reid before the 19th or 20th of June? Were cut chin. The very fact that a microscope had to be used under these parties friends? No; so that there was no inducement to such circumstances, was unfavourable for the result of the "investicreen Reid. Had he anything to fear from Reid? If he had, he had | gations," And if the "facts" fared so ill, what about the "opinions?" the same to fear now; and if he wanted to render Reid powerless—if | A very learned "opinion" had been hazarded, that the minute specks he wanted to fetter his hands and seal his lips—if he wanted to of blood so found were human blood; and on what was that check his liberty and to keep him in bondage—all the wishes of his | "opinion" founded? Why, that under the microscope human heart would be accomplished in the surest way by getting him con- | blood and the blood of all mammalia showed round discs! So the fined in a solitary cell within the prison walls, and no one near to say | blood of the cow, the horse, the sheep, the goat, and several other God help him. The Learned Counsel proceeded to show in what animals, was identical, as far as this "test" was concerned, with respects he considered the conduct of Mc Cabe corroborative of his | human blood. Well might Mr. West say that his "test" was not one guilt. He had himself stated upon his oath, that he had told the | that could be relied on; and the jury would, no doubt, adopt Mr. Cross-examined by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins.—Reid had had constables that Reid was not the man. Not until he had a conference | West's suggestion, and not rely on it. Then there was a matter Wilkins) cared not whether £100 had been offered or not. What was £100, compared with the value of a life. What was involved in that word "life?" What would a man not give for life? What sacrifices would be not make? There were the strongest motives for McCabe seeking to implicate some other person. On a minute examination, it would be found that there were 50 minutes of McCabe's time unaccounted for. He was at Chadwick's at twelve: he went by Lockbeen in the mean time? What had he been doing? He had not accounted for all this time—a very critical period—the most critical period of all. Let the jury remember John Barker's evidence—the two times he had named when Mc Cabe was seen, the murder had before half-past twelve; for after he had heard that shriek, Barker

> weighed by Mary Schorah when he got to Flint's, and she told what they consisted of; but not a word about this remarkable bone —this 71b. bone, tied up in a piece of old rope. And if these things had been sold to McCabe, where were the parties who sold them? Could they not be found? The others who had sold him rags before twelve o'clock could, and had been produced; but these parties who should were not forthcoming. The story of the bone and rope was a pure explanation of his goings and doings on that day—a deficiency His inference from these facts were, that after Mc Cabe had left Chadwick's at twelve o'clock at noon, he had gone direct to Wraith's, done the deed-got round again into the Lee Green, and then ostentatiously exhibited himself at Hallas's, at Lockwood's, and at Mc Kinnell's; in fact gone over the ground past Wraith's again, showing himself at both ends, to disarm suspicion. Remember his hurried visit to the Lockwoods, just to the window; the same to Mc Kinnell's, hardly stopping while he put his questions; and remember also his telling it at Hallas's that he would call at Mr. fully pervert the truth; he had seen too much of his kindness and good | The Court rose at nine o'clock. Wraith's. Why did he do this? Why should he parade the fact feeling towards those placed under his care. Then as to the threats that he would so call? When he was at Healey's did he say he would which had been spoken to as having been used by Reid with refergo to Morton's? When he was at Morton's did he say he would ence to the girl Caroline Ellis, he observed that they were the mere go to Smithson's? When he was at Smithson's did he say he would angry ebullitions of the moment—not the expressions of a vindictive go to Chadwick's? and when at Chadwick's did he say he would go man. It was the quiet, subdued, compressed-lip man, walking to Hallas's? Why, then, should he say at this last place that he would call at Wraith's and then go home? Remember, that according to Barker's evidence, the man who heard the shrick, the murder must have been over when Mc Cabe was at Hallas's; and if he was the man who had been engaged in it, and determined to play a part to disarm suspicion, there was every reason why. should talk as he did, and exhibit himself as he d

parently any purpose, except as if being on the look out for the performance of some secret purpose. He had described that an idle word said to be used just before Christmas to explain such a The prisoner Reid, who had been placed in the dock, was then he found the curtains of one parlour put to, and the shutters of the Re-examined by Mr. Bliss.—I have no doubt in the world | other closed. If so, he must have been in the front of the house, but he had not stated that; and was it improbable that he had. derived this knowledge from having actually been in the house him- through the whole of the facts, not because I have any misgivings self? After dwelling upon the unlikely tale told of the manner in that any portion will be untouched by his Lordship. I have seen which Mc Cabe said Reid had exposed himself at the door, the his doings too often for one moment to have any misgivings; for I Learned Sergeant reverted again to the tissue of lies which he said know that he will go through the case with all the patience and Mr. Sergeant Wilkins then addressed the Jury on behalf of the | Mc Cabe had told to people in the neighbourhood on the day and | prisoner. He begged them to go along with him in the observations afterwards. If it was true that he had heard a party going up stairs, mind, and I know that any omissions of mine will be supplied by him. He said, "It's a fine day," and I said, "Yes, very." He | which he was about to address them, without prejudice and without | how was it that there was not a trace of blood on them,—not in the impulse, and as far as in them laid to grant unto him their unalloyed | bed-rooms, and not a single thing up stairs removed. Let him ask pure reason. He was anxious to guard them against the result of them if they had any doubt in the world that he was well founded in impulse or prejudice, because before this case was laid before them saying that Michael Mc Cabe was one of the parties who aided in this that the proposition with which I started is well founded: that this der, passing my door, about a quarter before one. He was in on the part of the prosecution, rumour "with her thousand tongues" murder. He would now call their attention for a short time to the front of our house, from the road. He passed in that direction | had assailed every ear; for capidity of the meanest order, for the | history of Reid, and contrast the simplicity of one man's story with | and distributed far and wide-productions as disgraceful to the he said about Reid. He thought the jury would be of opinion that understandings which composed them as to the hearts that could be it was almost impossible that Reid could have been a party to this, the day of the murder at from half-past twelve to one. He so far lost to what was due to justice as to promulgate and publish murder, and his statement would be found to tell very greatly in his called at our door, and asked if we wanted anything. I said them. Pictures, verses, narratives, all of them clothed in exaggera- favour. Reid had never been detected in a falsehood, and they no, and he went on in the direction to Mr. Wraith's. We had tion, in order to provoke and encourage a morbid appetite, had been would find the statement he had made was proved by the witnesses

and which had been found in Mc Cabe's box, resembled very closely clear that she must have been mistaken; for Benjamin Oldroyd, not only that spots, which, from their minuteness, could afford but

not asked of that manufacturer a single question, because he felt investigations had conferred inestimable advantages, still he could beyond all reasonable doubt. As to the instrument of death, the as well as the soldering iron had been used; and the inference then each stretched alike, they would not long be so. It was not denied | treated to a great amount of learning and minute investigation; | matter entirely for their consideration. They must be satisfied are not pairs. Then how came that garter into your box, Mc Cabe? | ciseness of an oracle. Accordingly, to-day Mr. West had detailed | that any person could be convicted of a crime. A jury was bound believe that the prisoner at the bar, either alone, or in company with Mc Cabe, or some other person, committed this offence?

with Mr. Watts, his attorney, in York Castle, was Reid's name men- which, with all his investigation, Mr. West had not found out. Was | take into your consideration, nor any right to entertain. You have | sa tioned, and an attempt made to fix the guilt upon him. He (Mr. | the blood he had found nervous or arterial blood? Mr. West would | know, if he knew anything of the matter; at least a surgeon would know, that from the same subject two sorts of blood could be obtained, having important and evident distinguishing characteristics. Mr. West, with all his exhibition of the scientific man, had not shown this; and therefore, putting all the facts together, he dismissed his testimony as of little value. Then on the paper, the key, and the at all. soldering iron, Mr. West had found what he called animal matter. wood's towards Mr. Wraith's at ten minutes to one. Where had he | Why, suct was animal matter; sweat was animal matter; many other things, obvious enough, were animal matter: but what then? what | the case as to the murder of James Wraith only, or all three of the did it amount to? As the Judge had kindly intimated to Mr. West, | family. before his "facts" could be relied on, all the circumstances governing man that heard the shriek; and they would see that between the those facts must be known and clear. All the circumstances were not known—they could not be known in this case; and therefore all the been committed. From that evidence it must have been committed | "opinious" formed in the absence of that knowledge were valueless, were, like Mr. West's "tests," not to be relied on. The learned adtaken his warp in, had gone out of the field to his home, and Sergeant next alluded to the conversation deposed to by Mr. Noble had sat down and eaten his dinner before the storm of rain came on with Reid. He would not say anything harash of Mr. Noble, but he and it was in evidence, both by Barker and others, that this shower would say this, that the jury ought to receive with extreme caution fell from a quarter to ten minutes to one. Where then had Mc Cabe any report from the governor of a jail. Mr. Noble might be one of been in the mean-time? He certainly now for the first time told a the best men living, and he believed he was a humane and honourstory about his buying some rags, an old rope, and a bone that able man, and therefore he was not speaking personally of him, but weighed half a stone! Could this be true? What had become of in reference to a principle. Was it not clear to any living man, that the rags, and the bone, and the rope? The rags he had were Mr. Noble was incapable of giving a correct report of that conversation, and no wonder, because he himself admitted that not having | through the painful and tedious inquiry. While he stood facing | w expected to be called as a witness he paid no attention to it. He also | the Court, he was betrayed into no expression or sign of joy at the | a admitted that he might be mistaken as to the purport of that con- result; but when below, and on a nod being given him, a smile of wi versation: and he would therefore ask them whether they would ven- | intense gratification passed over his features, and the whole man | go ture to stake the life of a fellow-creature upon the evidencee of such con- | seemed as if freed from a weighty and oppressive load. versation, especially when the omission or substitution of a word or have been there to account for Mc Cabe's time at the finale of all, two was calculated so materially to vary the sense. The jury re- | been one of great propriety and collectedness. He held in his hand | he quired the most underliable and satisfactory evidence; but the facts all the time materials for writing; and on the making of a "point" and invention of Mc Cabe's, to supply a glaring deficiency in his were inconsistent with Mr. Noble's views. That more than two per- against him, he instantly set to work with the pen, writing with brown sons were engaged in the murder he (Mr. Sergeant Wilkins) thought | much firmness and readiness, and passed his notes over to his cor which, no doubt, he had good reason to wish to see supplied. was more than probable; but that those two men could have been | counsel and attorney. During the three hours that the jury were | the Reid and Mc Cabe was impossible. Where did Patrick Reid live? | absent from Court, he sat down in the low dock by himself, and | Sh

> away without uttering a word, that meant revenge. The motive in | the bench, he said (addressing Mr. Bliss)—What course is intended | B this case was not revenge. The old woman had never offended to be pursued in the further prosecution of the man Reid, who was los Reid, and the offence of the old man turning Reid out of the house | acquitted last night on the charge of murder? driven to such miserable shifts and expedients as having recourse to of deciding it murder as this, they would think that it was too preposterous to be | removed back to his cell. dwelt upon, and should be entitled to very little credit. The Learned Sergeant concluded his speech as follows:-"I have now gone attention it requires. I know the holy and proper bearing of his him; but I have, in the painful discharge of a painful duty, felt it my bounden duty to go over every topic that has been suggested by the prosecution, and I hope I have succeeded in convincing you man (testing the history of the transaction by the facts) cannot have been engaged in the murder. I have accounted for his conduct on the whole of that morning. Gentlemen, I implore—I entreat you as fervently as I am able, let no influence reach your minds but a desire to do justice between man and man. Be influenced by no one from without, above, or below. If there be a place in this world which should be removed from the approach of prejudice, it is the holy position which you now hold. If there be a position where prejudice, and passion, and impulse should be put to flight, and where no light but the calm steady light of reason should be allowed to influence the mind, it is there. Murder may have been committed -murder may call aloud to heaven for vengeance; and He to whom vengeance belongs will avenge His own cause. The man or men

police-officer, but God's eye is upon them, and though the deed of blood be veiled in night, yet "shall not the Judge of all do right?" Take not into your own hands that which belongs to God. Sympathize with the survivors—express your indignation of the crime -drop the tear of pity and of compassion for the sufferings of the poor old man, and sympathize with the survivors, if you will; but don't take upon yourselves to avenge. Mark well (pointing to the prisoner that goodly structure, gentlemen. Every portion of it bears upon it the divine impress of the Divine Architect. Man they condemned. Their forefathers went out to vindicate Chris- two men; but this also is impossible, for Senior saw Reid depart has been well called God's temple on earth. That temple is not to tianity, because Christianity had been assailed by the infidel; out of Chadwick's, the Shoulder of Mutton Inn, long after Mc Cabe | be hastily thrown down. His hopes—his aspirations are not to be rudely checked by prejudice. Human life is given by God; and life is only to be taken by Him unless it shall be shown that the laws of man, for the protection of man, require that it shall be forfeited. If it be not made out to your catisfaction (as it appears to me it cannot) that this man is guilty, although clamour and report and angry feeling on the one hand and on the other may have provoked suspicion in your minds, remember that the solemn oath you have taken will justify you only in pronouncing a verdict of guilty where the evidence brings overwhelming conviction to your minds, and leaves no doubt as to the perpetrator of this crime. I have, now, gentlemen, discharged my duty. His Lordship will go through the case to you with patience and with ability, and you will then have to one. I took the warp in, and had got my dinner before the duty they owed to One, under the sacred obligation of whose name path; he calls at Izata Websters; and then he is next seen in a decide upon the facts you have heard. Decide on them, and on them Re-examined by Mr. Bliss.—I might be at dinner about ten treated them, as they reverenced that Name—he entreated them, as was joined by his mother. Now remember, that according to but ask yourselves what is required from you from within; and if you should have from within an approving monitor, in sickness and in health, in prosperity or adversity, at home or abroad, that monitor will sustain you—you will have the sustaining consciousness of having done right. But oh! if you discover afterwards that you upon their minds, hastily and without reflection, he entreated them wood's house to go down the footpath to Wraith's house. He thought, have yielded to suspicion, mark the probability which Mr. Noble mentioned to this poor fellow. He told him that his position was a

> tion, and guidance from that quarter in which you can seek it with success and security, and I will leave it to yourselves." The speech of the Learned Sergeant occupied exactly three hours.

fearful one: for although he might be innocent the jury might find

sit down. I entreat and implore you to let all the prejudice raised

out of doors be dispelled from your minds. Seek light and instruc-

THE SUMMING UP. Mr. Justice Wightman said it now became his duty to assist the Jury in discharging a most important duty, both as regarded the

and would endeavour to convince them it was a correct one, that it statements were true, could have been corroborated by other parties. | notact merely upon suspicion, but upon a satisfactory conclusion, that was almost impossible that Reid could have been the perpetrator of | He likewise noticed the variance in the evidence of Killy and his wife | the prisoner, either by himself, or in conjunction with another party, Joseph Cowgill examined by Mr. Overend.—I am a constable this murder. In the first place, he would disencumber this case of as to the particular circumstances which occurred when it was alleged murdered the poor old man whose death they were then inquiring at Dewsbury. I saw Reid on the 12th of May, at Daw Green, many facts about which there could be no dispute. It would be the prisoner fetched the soldering iron from his (Kilty's) house. Into. If the case depended upon the evidence of Mc Cabe himself, as better for them, it would be better for all, that he should admit the Their evidence he characterised as being ambiguous and unsatis- he had been charged with the commission of the offence, then they facts which could not be disputed, and direct attention solely and | factory. The jury must bear in mind that the well where this | might well pause before they returned a verdict of guilty against the exclusively to those which were in dispute. Then there could be no | soldering iron was found was open to every passer-by; that any | prisoner Reid; but, on the other hand, if they found that the case doubt that on the 12th of May last a threefold murder was committed, one who either wished to direct suspicion, or to gratify malice, did not depend on the testimony of that man alone, but also on and that the murder was committed at the time the parties were at | could have access to it; that it had been a week unsearched, and | testimony of a corroborative character, then, if they were satisfied their dinner. There could be no doubt as to the cause of death; the reason assigned was the most odd one in the world:—the cen- beyond all reasonable doubt that Reid was the man who did the

small means of observation, were sufficient to enable him to state positively that they were not only marks of blood-but marks of Lordship had no doubt Mr. West had satisfied himself; but the ques- | tion was whether the jury could rely fully upon Mr. West's opinion evidence of the medical men seemed to go to establish that the poker

was that two persons had been engaged in the murder; because if there were only one person, why should he, having possession of the soldering iron, exchange it for the poker. However, that also was a they could not act upon suspicion. It was not upon mere suspicion to give a prisoner, and all persons charged with an offence against the laws of the country, every reasonable doubt in their favour; but if, after giving the prisoner in this case the benefit of all reasonable doubt, the evidence, taking it altogether, should lead them irresistably to the conclusion that the prisoner was guilty, they were bound by the oaths they had taken, and the duty which they owed to the public, to pronounce, without fear, their verdict accordingly. I they were not so satisfied, they were equally bound to give the prisoner the benefit of that reasonable doubt, and acquit him. Gentlemen, you will consider all the circumstances in the case—you have heard | many suggestions and many observations as to Mc Cabe, and he may deserve them all. But the question for you to decide is,-Do you |

The summing up of his Lordship occupied two hours and a half. The Jury retired at ten minutes past six o'clock, and returned | C after an absence of two hours and forty minutes to ask a question of | m his Lordship, which was handed in in writing. His Lordship handed the paper back again, and requested one | p of the jury to read it. It was to this effect—"The jury wish to m know, if the prisoner be acquitted of the murder of James Wraith, w can he afterwards be put upon his trial for the murder of the two | E women, should further evidence be found."

The Judge -That is not a question, Gentlemen, which you can | n only one duty to perform: to consider the case in evidence. A Juron.—We think there is not sufficient evidence at present. The Judge.—You must act upon the evidence before you, and come to a conclusion as to the innocence or guilt of the party accused of the murder of James Wraith.

A Junon.—Then I think we shall never come to a conclusion

The Judge.—I am sorry for that; but I am afraid I can't help you. A Junon.—Some of the jury do not know whether we are trying The Judge.—Then you have greatly misunderstood the case, gentlemen. You are to decide only as to the murder of James Wraith.

A Junon.—Then we are agreed upon our verdict. The Judge.—Well, but you had better retire and reconsider your verdict after what has taken place. The Jury accordingly did retire, and on returning into Court, after

an absence of five minutes, they pronounced a verdict of NOT GUILTY. The verdict was received without any audible expression of feeling. | no The prisoner was immediately removed from the bar into the low | al part of the dock. He received the verdict of the jury with that quiet | br

composure and fortitude that had characterised his bearing all an Throughout the entire proceedings, his bearing in the dock had | wa At Daw Green. Where did Michael Mc Cabe live? At High Town. occupied himself the main of the time in scanning over some tracts | ma Where was the man who ever saw them speak to each other? Did | that lay on the seats beneath. When the jury returned into Court, | M not all the circumstances go to demonstrate that they were strangers | and he was again placed at the bar, he looked at each man with a | go to each other? Did not every fact go to convince the jury that they look of intense interest; and it was then apparent, and then only, of were not only strangers to each other, but that, as far as they did | that every nerve was on the stretch to tension-point. What trans- | me know of each other, an unfriendly feeling was exhibited between pired on that occasion between the jury and the Judge would no app them. Mr. Noble must be mistaken. He knew that he would not wil- | doubt prepare him in some degree to expect the ultimate result.

WEDNESDAY, July 21.

THE MIRFIELD MURDERS. This morning, shortly after his Lordenir had taken his seat on

on the occasion which had been referred to was a very trifling one Mr. Bliss (as we understood him, as he spoke in a very low tone considering the many kindnesses which the prisoner had received of voice-Well, my Lord, at present I would rather ask time to confrom him. It was money that prompted the perpetration of that | sider it. We should like to apply for directions from a higher | murder. The drawers were opened—the watch was gone—the money | quarter as to whether we should prosecute the party again on the | spo was stolen—and the pockets were rifled; and when they found men | same evidence. I do not like to take upon myself the responsibility | ne s