

14. Did you see Bowles before going to Hawkings's house?—We were up at Hawkings's house when we met him.
15. What did Mrs. Hawkings say to you and Inspector Thomson; can you tell us what she said?—There was a general conversation about the tragedy.
16. Did she not say anything about Chemis?—Yes; Chemis was certainly mentioned.
17. Who mentioned Chemis first?—I believe she did.
18. Mrs. Hawkings?—Yes.
19. Was that prior to going with Thomson?—When I arrived there was a reporter there from the *Evening Press* newspaper; he returned to town.
20. Had you any intimation that Hawkings had been shot?—No; not unless from the pieces of paper picked up.
21. When you arrived at the scene of the murder you observed pieces of paper?—Yes; before Mr. Thomson arrived there himself I picked up some pieces of paper.
22. You had no intimation that Hawkings had been shot; the intimation you had was that he had been stabbed?—Yes, I understood so.
23. Then why did you pick up these pieces of paper?—There were some of them blackened as if they had been charred.
24. As if they had been shot away do you mean? How many pieces?—They were all small fragments.
25. What did you do with them?—I put them in an envelope when I got home.
26. How did you carry them?—I carried them in my pocket.
27. Do you remember which pocket?—No, I cannot remember. Those pieces picked up on the scene of the murder were never out of my possession.
28. You did not pick any papers up and give them to Mr. Thomson?—No.
29. You carried them in your pocket. When did you take them out?—When I returned home.
30. What time was that?—About noon. I showed them to Mr. Thomson, and locked them up in a drawer in the same office.
31. Did you endorse the envelope?—Yes.
32. When did you mark it: at the time you put it in the drawer?—Yes.
33. Where was that: at the police-station?—At the police-station.
34. And it remained in the same envelope until you took it to Mr. Skey?—Yes.
35. When did you take it; on the 1st, or was it on the 5th June?—Yes.
36. Did you take it to the inquest?—No.
37. Are you sure of that?—Yes; quite sure. You mean the inquest on the body: I was not there.
38. I understand you to have said that you went with Mr. Thomson and Detective Benjamin to Chemis's house.—Yes.
39. Who showed you the way?—Norman.
40. Were there any footprints pointed out to you, or pointed out to Detective Benjamin in your hearing?—There might have been; but the ground was soft. There were a number of footprints. I believe there were some footprints on the track.
41. Who pointed them out?—I cannot say now.
42. You had no intimation whatever that this man had been shot?—None, except from what I had seen myself of the pieces of paper on the ground.
43. Did you at that time consider this paper had any importance?—I thought it was my duty to take possession of it. If I did not think it of importance I would not have taken charge of it.
44. That does not follow. Did you see the revolver?—Yes.
45. The gun and shot-pouch?—Yes.
46. Did you consider them of any importance?—I was not directing the search: Inspector Thomson was there, and also Detective Benjamin.
47. Did you think these things of the slightest importance?—I was there to do what I was instructed to do.
48. You left the revolver behind?—The revolver was left behind: the gun and revolver were left behind, I know.
49. If you considered the gun and revolver of importance, you would have suggested it to the Inspector?—I did not do so.
50. *Mr. Allen.*] You have been leading us to believe that the shot-pouch was not taken away?—Yes, the shot-pouch was taken away when the first search was made.
51. *Mr. Jellicoe.*] Did Inspector Thomson in your presence, or Detective Benjamin, ask Chemis for his powder-flask?—No; I do not remember.
52. Why I ask you is this: You were present at the trial in the Supreme Court?—Yes.
53. The Chief Justice, in charging the jury, pointed out that no question had been put as to the where or whereabouts of this. The police did not say anything about it on the trial?—Yes.
- [Extract read.]
54. You said in your evidence before the Magistrate—page 36 of my printed copy (H.—33)—in answer to Mr. Bunny, you do not make any reference to why the drawer was locked. You saw dynamite, caps, and "other appliances" there. That was what you said. What do you mean by "other appliances"?—I meant a dynamite-fuse that was there. It was twisted all round. There was a good lump of it.
55. Were there not many things there?—Yes.
56. Did you take out the stiletto, some bullets, and some papers?—Yes.
57. Were there any other matters besides the fuse in that drawer?—Do you mean on the second search?