

shot-pouch. I never lent the gun to any one, and it was only out of the house when I used it. I bought my shot-pouch the Thursday before Good Friday. I bought all sorts of ammunition at the same time. I have borrowed a shot-pouch. I borrowed a shot-flask from James Gibson about twelve months ago. I returned it just after the commencement of the season before last, 1888. I went to Gibson's house for it, and he lent it me. I returned it in about a fortnight. I used it twice about. I did not examine it. It was a brown-leather, stiff-leather, revolver shape. Nothing else that I can remember about the flask. [One shown to witness.] It is not the flask. I do not think there was any picture at all on it.

Will you swear to it?—Well, I cannot swear to it, it is such a long time ago. I know Bonny Hodges. I saw him in the porch, in the passage outside the Court. I just nodded to him. I last saw him before that on last Monday night (26th August), at his own house, between 6 and 7 o'clock. Jim Eagles, A. Holmes, Jim Holmes, and Hodges were present. I heard something about some things being found on Hawkings's land, but I did not hear what had been found before I went there. Eagle told me what it was in Hodges's house. He told me that a shot-pouch and a knife had been found in Hawkings's gully. He did not describe them. Hodges was busy making frames. I stayed there for an hour, till Gibson came for me. I was sitting down, smoking occasionally. I heard Jim Holmes say something about a shot-pouch being picked up, and he believed it was the one Hodges had had. Holmes said he had seen it. He did not say what it was like. If he spoke to Hodges about it, he must have been pretty cute. I did not hear him. I went down the road with Gibson for a walk. Gibson came to the door. Greaves, Jack Dowd, and another gentleman was there. We all went down to my place. We talked about a shot-flask. Gibson asked me if I remembered getting a shot-flask from him. I thought a minute, and then I told him "Yes, I remember getting it from you several times." I did not tell him anything else that I am aware of. They were talking privately among themselves. I went into my house, and went upstairs and got my shot-flask. I showed it to them. I told them I would show it to them if they liked. Greaves said, "It is a very small one aint it?" We then went back. I went to Hodges'. They left me after I had gone three parts of the way. We had a bit of a barney on the way. Gibson said he had had it three years. I said he had had it two. We both came to the conclusion it was three years, but I still think it was only two years. I do not know which it is. That is all that was said to my knowledge. I did not get a description of the powder-flask that had been found from Jim Holmes. The spring of the flask I borrowed I think had a brass top. I had so many, I cannot remember. I have one with a picture on it. I had had any amount of flasks before with pictures on them. I cannot remember if Gibson's flask had a picture on or not. I have one now with a man and a gun on. I never take much notice of those sort of things. I have had mine with a picture on since the Thursday before Good Friday. I do not know what the picture is. I showed it to Greaves. It was dark when I showed it to them. I have had one off him twice, but I do not know if a picture was on it or not. When I last returned him the flask it was about twelve months ago. I did not take notice of the pictures on other flasks I have borrowed. [Pouch produced to witness in a blue box.] That is very much like the same one that I got off Gibson. It was bent so. It is the same shape. I never saw one before like it till I got this one. As far as I can remember that is the same I borrowed twice. I asked for it on other occasions. I borrowed it on Wednesday night before Good Friday. I went to ask Mr. Hodges for Mr. Hodges' flask. Hodges told me to go and get it from Gibson, and that Gibson had one of his. I went to Gibson. Gibson said he could not let me have it, because he had given the shot-flask to Louis Chemis when he returned Louis Chemis his gun. He said he gave it to Chemis; not that he thought he had given it to Chemis. He said he would get me one from town if I liked. I went to town to get one for myself.

*Annie Chemis*, recalled, saith: I never saw another shot-flask in the house except the one the police took away. Gibson often came up there shooting. He took my husband's shot-flask and gun when he came. I never saw the shot-flask produced in the house, or in my husband's possession.

*By Mr. Bell.*] I never saw in my house any shot-flask, except the one the police took on the 1st June. I do not think there could have been another shot-flask in the house without me knowing it. I never saw a sheath for a knife that my husband had. The knife produced I gave to Mr. Jellicoe. I used it several times. My husband brought it there some years ago. Well, it is a good while in use. I could not say how many years. It has been in my house for one year, any way. He often cut pigs with it. He bought it in town somewhere. He did not tell me so. He was in town the night he fetched it. I remember the night he fetched it. It was twelve months ago. I cannot remember the date. There was not another knife in my house with a handle like that, with that name and that brand on it. I never had in my house, except the stiletto, a knife sharpened on each side—not at any time. There could not have been one in the house without I knew it. I never saw him take a knife out with him pig-hunting without me knowing of it. He never did take a knife out pig-shooting.

*John Dowd*, recalled (by the Court): I am not aware that any shot-pouch was in Chemis's house besides the one the police took on the 1st June. Everything in the shape of ammunition was always kept in one place in the right-hand top drawer. I am quite certain I only saw one pouch. It is not likely another would be in the house without I knew it. I have never seen a knife sharpened on both sides in Chemis's house. The knife produced is the one I mean. I never saw a sheath in the place.

*Ellis George Lowe*, sworn, saith: I reside in Molesworth Street, and work at Bannatyne and Co.'s. I was born in Wellington. I knew Hawkings very well. I have recently been there. I remember calling upon you last Monday week, the 19th August. I was asked to do something. I was asked to search the gully from Dimock's to the target, and any water-holes or creeks I could