

and asked him if he would lend me his shot-pouch. He told me he had not got it. He thought he had left it up at Chemis's house, but was not sure. He said, "You might bring it down if it is there; also bring down the sheath-knife and sheath, which I left there some time ago." I went up to Chemis's house that night. I asked Chemis for the sheath-knife and shot-pouch belonging to Gibson. I got the sheath-knife and sheath, but I cannot remember him telling me he had not got the shot-pouch. I could not remember who gave me the knife and sheath—whether it was Mrs. Chemis or Mr. Chemis. When I said, "I cannot remember him telling me," I was going to say, I could not remember who gave it to me—Mrs. Chemis or Mr. Chemis. I did not get the pouch. I asked for it at the same time, to the best of my belief. Mrs. Chemis said he had not got it; it was not there. Mrs. Chemis and Dowd came past my room to get to the railway-station.

*By the Court.*] Gibson must have left the knife and sheath about twelve months ago. It was kept in a rack in the kitchen. I am not certain whether Mr. Chemis or Mrs. Chemis gave it me. It was reached down from the shelf at the back of the plates and put on the table for me. It must have been there about eight months. Mrs. Chemis must have seen it there when cleaning down the shelf. It was a new sheath, with a narrow strap round it. There were, I think, two slits for the strap to go through. It was a proper made one that had been made in the shop.

*Carter Hodges* recalled :

*By the Court.*] Who went first to ask about the shot-pouch?—You mean the first who came to me about it, Alfred Holmes. He told me a knife and a pistol-shaped pouch had been found. I asked him had it an iron top or a brass one. He said it was iron. There were no further remarks made at that time. The other brother Holmes came up to my house—James Holmes.

*Edwin George Darke Woodward* sworn, saith: I saw witness (Norman) last Sunday, 25th August, at Belmont, where he was then living. A man named Hare was with us.

*By Mr. Bell.*] I do not know anything of Hare's antecedents. I heard Hare had been working at Hawkings's.

Ruled that Norman was not an adverse witness, and evidence to contradict him cannot be called.

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