

the police came up. I took meat home on Friday. I took it and went out. I cannot say if I had any conversation or not. When the police came on Saturday I was chopping firewood. I saw the three policemen come up. I knew Campbell. I was not surprised when Benjamin spoke to me. I never had the police at my house before. I went into the house with the police. It was not dark then: it was light enough to see at first, and Benjamin began to look over my clothes. I went outside. Benjamin and Campbell had a good spell before I went outside. Benjamin said there would be more light outside, I believe. I could not say what they were searching my clothes for. They might have been no more than six or seven minutes looking at my clothes inside when they took me outside. The lamp was lit, but I could not say if it was alight before I went outside. I believe I lit it myself. They said, "Let us see in the daylight." I lit the candles when I came in after I had been outside. I am quite sure. I lit them when I came in myself. I kept the lease in the same drawer as the powder. I often saw it there. It was in a big envelope, torn. The insurance policy was in the other drawer and the Italian letters too in the left drawer. The insurance policy was in a different drawer from the lease. I am quite sure. I saw the handkerchief on the bed, and the papers put into it. The were about two hands full; there might have been twenty or thirty. I saw the stiletto put in the handkerchief. I do not know about the pistol. There were no fragments of newspaper there. I spoke about the powder-flask and caps when I was sentenced. I said, I think, quite enough. I did not think of the paper—not then, at any rate. I said the first thing that came into my mouth. I do not know if I said anything about the quail. I do not know exactly now what I said in my statement to the Governor. I do not think I said anything about the paper to the Governor. I mentioned the things they took away from the drawer. I did not mention the paper, because they never took it. I heard the Judge addressing the jury. I could not say exactly I thought the evidence of the paper was the main thing. I thought the stiletto and bullets were. I cannot tell you why I did not mention the paper to the Governor; I must have forgotten it, I suppose. I had a very long private interview with my solicitor. He told me of some of the evidence that I knew myself. I saw the back of the affidavits of Dybell and others produced to his Excellency. The inside were read to me. Those are the witnesses I intended Mr. Bunny to call, he sent out subpoenas for. The gun was the first thing that Benjamin touched. He took it down. He did not then ask me any questions. He took the gun out to the kitchen and came back and said, "How long is it since you fired that gun." I said "Some few days ago, at some quail." He asked me that question on Saturday. I did not tell him then the quail were in the house. I might have said something about the quail when he was looking at the tin. I believe I said "There is the quail." I fired the gun last. I believe I did; mind you I will not swear to it. My wife was in the kitchen; but mind you I will not swear to it. But I swear that Benjamin looked into the tin and saw the quail. I told the police on Sunday when they asked me when I fired the gun last, I said, "I fired at them quail that you saw last night." I believe the quail were in the oven. I think I plucked them on Sunday myself. I did not show them to the police because I thought they might be in the oven. I plucked them close to the fire and threw the feathers in the fire and gave the entrails to the cat. I left them on a plate about 9 o'clock on the table. The police came about 10 o'clock. Greaves told me he saw the police going away with the gun. The police did not go into the house that morning. I took out the gun. I shot two one morning and two another morning. I did not mention to the police until Sunday morning that I shot two quail on Thursday morning and Wednesday morning. I said, "I shot some quail a few days ago." I fired the gun off last Thursday morning; the quail were on the ground. I have killed as many as four with one shot. I got some bullets from Gibson—I believe I had twelve. I do not remember firing more than three. I am quite sure I fired three—I am sure I fired three. I believe all the bullets were the same size; they were slack in the gun. I put paper on the top that kept it down. I do not know how many bullets were in the drawer on the Saturday. There was one on Sunday left in the drawer by Detective Campbell. The bullets were taken from the right-hand drawer by Campbell. I took some silver and a sovereign from the drawer on Saturday morning. I do not believe I left any money there. The police searched the drawer on Saturday afternoon. I do not think there was any money in the tin then. After the police were gone I put the revolver in the drawer. I could not say if there was any money in the tin then. I never looked. I bank at the Post Office in Wellington. My missus puts the money in the bank. I cut the piece out of the bandbox some time before I was arrested. I cut it with a knife. I do not know if it was a penknife or a sheath-knife, to carve with. I never carry it if I kill a pig. I carry it in my hand. I never did carry a sheath-knife since I was a sailor. I never carry a stiletto. I got it from a man when the waterworks were finished. I took it out six months before. I put some salad oil on it, and put it back about six months ago, and I have not looked at it since. It was never bent at the point. It was as sharp as always [looking at dagger]. There was loose rust on it. It was not bent when I last saw the dagger in my drawer. I cannot account for the curve in the stiletto. Two or three pieces of paper were taken from my coat. I saw Thompson put the paper in an envelope, and put it in his pocket. I went into the parlour with the detectives. I never saw them touch any paper there. I never saw them take any paper out of there. I did not see them put the paper into the handkerchief. I saw them take the handkerchief into the parlour. I believe they put it on top of the table. It had the documents, stiletto, the shot-pouch, and the lease in it. They left it on the table a minute. I did not see them put any fragments of newspaper paper into the handkerchief in the parlour. I could not say if the revolver was in the bundle or alongside of it. Benjamin took the revolver and handkerchief into the kitchen. At the same time I saw that, I saw them put close to Mr. Thomson. Then Benjamin and Campbell went into the children's room. I did not see any newspaper picked up in the children's room. I never saw any newspaper picked up in any of the rooms. I saw Thomson take paper out of my coat and put it in an envelope, and put it in his coat. I saw what was done in the children's room as plainly as I saw what was done in the other rooms. No newspaper was taken out, as far as I saw, out of the rooms, except