

# HOW THE DOSE WAS TAKEN

Harry Cornish Mixes Bromo-Seltzer in Court.

## THE RECORDER INTERFERES

He Objects to the Introduction of a Pantomime Show as Evidence—Adams Identifies Handwriting on the Poison Package

New York, Dec. 29.—The most interesting incident to-day in the trial of Roland B. Molineux, charged with the murder of Katherine J. Adams, occurred during the cross-examination of Harry Cornish by Barlow S. Weeks, defendant's counsel. Mr. Weeks asked the witness to step from the stand, sit down at the end of the table occupied by the attorneys for the state, go through the performance of opening the bottle of bromo-seltzer, show how he knocked the contents into the glass, how he poured the water from one glass into another, being careful to get approximately the same amount of water that he used in the preparation of the fatal dose on the morning of the murder of Mrs. Adams. Cornish complied with the request and proceeded to show how much of the mixture and also about how much Mrs. Adams took of the poison. It was not until Mr. Weeks asked the witness to drink the water in this pantomimic reproduction of the scene that the recorder interfered. Mr. Weeks assured Cornish that the water would not hurt him, but the court remarked:

"This dumb show has gone far enough."

Assistant District Attorney Osborne good-naturedly told the witness to go ahead and drink the water and the witness picked up the glass with the remark: "Well, I will drink it."

At this point Recorder Goff again interfered with the statement that he would not permit anything of the sort to take place in the court room. Mr. Osborne said that while Cornish did not like the tactics adopted by the attorney for the defense, he had no objection to drinking the water if allowed to do so by the court. This, however, the recorder would not consent to.

Two of the most important witnesses for the prosecution were on the stand during the day. They were John D. Adams, ex-secretary of the Knickerbocker Athletic club, and Cornish. Mr. Adams was the first witness called. The most interesting point in connection with his testimony to-day was his positive identification of the handwriting on the poison package as that of Molineux's. The testimony of Cornish consisted largely of detailed descriptions of the scenes of the morning of the murder at the Adams flat.

Recorder Goff refused to allow Mr. Weeks to ask any questions as to the present whereabouts of Mrs. Cornish, the wife of the witness, and why Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, the latter the daughter of Mrs. Adams, had separated. Few new facts were elicited in the attempt to trace the poison package from the Knickerbocker club to the Adams flat. It was, however, discovered that Cornish deposited the bromo-seltzer bottle in his desk at the club in the presence of F. H. Finneran, that he lost the key to the desk and that it was afterward found on the floor of the Adams flat, after the death of Mrs. Adams; that just before the murder it was necessary for the engineer of the club to break open the desk for the purpose of removing various articles and the desk was repaired in a makeshift fashion.

Cornish also testified that he was in error in his statements to the newspapers immediately after the murder as to the time when he brought the poison package from the club to his room at the Adams apartments and that he had refreshed his memory by talking with Mrs. Rogers concerning the matter.

Adjournment was taken until next Tuesday.