

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Q. (By Mr. Green): Didn't you have a discussion about the relative merits and chances of Ty Cob, the baseball player with Rev. Williams? A. That would be sort of natural with me.

Q. Don't you remember whether you did or not? A. I think perhaps I did.

Q. Didn't you go in the house during that conversation and continue your discussion there; when you started to read the papers you read the baseball news and you and Rev. Williams got to talking about it? A. I may have glanced at it.

Q. Didn't you go in the house to discuss the baseball news? A. For that specific purpose?

Q. No, didn't you go in the house? A. Discussing it as we went in.

Q. Yes? A. I don't recall.

Q. Do you know whether you did or not? A. No, I won't say.

Q. Will you say you didn't? A. Go in the house discussing Ty Cobb?

Q. Yes? A. No I would not say either way.

Q. But you might have? A. I might have.

Q. If Williams said you and he went in the house discussing it, you would not question it? A. I have known him a long time, and he has always told the truth. I think if it was not clear in my mind, and Williams said I did, I did so.

Q. You might have left the porch after Fletcher left? A. I might have personally?

Q. Yes? A. Yes, I might have for a moment and only for a moment.

Q. Why do you say for a moment? A. Because I was concerned more with things on the porch than off the porch.

Q. Was not the sun getting around through there? A. Around about noon?

Q. Yes? A. Not enough to make any great impression on me.

Q. Where are you from? A. The same place you are from.

Q. Annapolis? A. Yes, my father was a Methodist minister there when you were young.

Q. I thought you were from New Orleans? A. I am not, I travel all around.

Q. I thought maybe that was why the sun didn't feel so hot to you? A. (No answer.)

Q. Did you hear what Mary Perkins and Edith Credit said they saw and heard? A. No.

Q. You didn't hear it in the Court room here? A. Oh, I beg your pardon, yes, sir.

Q. You heard it? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are you prepared to say at that time they didn't see that?

(Objected to; objection overruled.)

A. I am prepared to say—

Q. Answer the question yes or no: are you prepared to say they didn't see it, that they didn't see what they said they saw?
A. If my position were dependent upon it, I would say they could not have seen that without my having heard or seen something in the position I had.

Q. Just answer the question, are you prepared to say now, what they saw and heard, that they didn't see or hear? A. I simply reiterate what I said.

Q. Answer the question yes or no? A. Can I say they didn't see that?

Q. Yes or no? A. Well, I don't know what they saw.

Q. What? A. That is the only thing I could say.

Q. Answer the question? A. No, I could not say.

(Examination concluded.)

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER, a witness of lawful age, called on behalf of the defense, after having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION.

Q. (By Mr. Brady): How old are you? A. 52 years old, next January.

Q. Where do you work? A. United States Naval Academy.

Q. How long have you been working there? A. 38 years the 2nd of next October.

Q. What is your position there? A. I am a steward.

Q. Where do you live? A. 38 Second street.

Q. What is the position of your house to the late Mrs. Brandon? A. Well, my house is there and the Brandon is like this (indicating) approximately across the street 110 feet.

Q. You recall the day of the finding of Mrs. Brandon's body, dead? A. Yes, sir.

Q. When did you go to work that morning? A. Well, as a rule at 6:20 in the morning.

Q. What time did you come back? A. I left the yard a little after nine, nearly half-past nine.

Q. Just state what you did after you left the yard at half-past nine? A. Well, I left the yard at half-past nine, I was driving at that time, I could not walk very well, I had a bad