

	CLEGG	<i>(Saying the oath by heart)</i> I swear by Almighty God that the evidence that I shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. <i>(He puts the Bible on the ledge of the witness box, the Clerk puts the oath card on the ledge of the witness box)</i>
	MYERS	You are Thomas Clegg?
	CLEGG	Yes, sir.
67	MYERS	You are an assistant in the forensic laboratory at New Scotland Yard?
	CLEGG	I am.
	MYERS	<i>(indicating the jacket on the table)</i> Do you recognize that coat?
	<i>(The CLERK rises, crosses to the table and picks up the jacket.)</i>	
	CLEGG	Yes. It was given to me by Inspector Hearne and tested by me for traces of blood.
	<i>(The CLERK hands the coat up to CLEGG, who brushes it aside. The CLERK replaces the jacket on the table.)</i>	
	MYERS	Will you tell me your findings?
	CLEGG	The coat sleeves had been washed, though not properly pressed afterwards, but, by certain tests, I am able to state that there are traces of blood on the cuffs.
	MYERS	Is this blood of a special group or type?
	CLEGG	Yes. <i>(He refers to his notebook)</i> It is of the type O.
	MYERS	Were you also given a sample of blood to test?
	CLEGG	I was given a sample labelled "Blood of Miss Emily French". The blood group was of the same type - O.
	<i>(MYERS resumes his seat.)</i>	

	SIR WILFRID	<i>(rising)</i> You say there were traces of blood on both cuffs?
	CLEGG	That is right.
	SIR WILFRID	I suggest that there were traces of blood on only one cuff - the left one.
	CLEGG	<i>(looking at his notebook)</i> Yes. I am sorry, I made a mistake. It was only the left cuff.
	SIR WILFRID	And it was only the left sleeve that had been washed?
	CLEGG	Yes, that is so.
	SIR WILFRID	Are you aware that the prisoner had told the police that he had cut his wrist, and that that blood was on the cuff of this coat?
68	CLEGG	So I understand.
	<i>(SIR WILFRID takes a certificate from his ASSISTANT.)</i>	
	SIR WILFRID	I have here a certificate stating that Leonard Vole is a blood donor at the North London Hospital, and that is blood group is O. That is the same blood group, is it not?
	CLEGG	Yes.
	SIR WILFRID	So the blood might equally well have come from a cut on the prisoner's wrist?
	CLEGG	That is so.