GHEESLING FURNISHES HIS FORMULA TO JURY

Writes It So That There Will Be No Risk of Having Spectators Copy It.

W. H. Gheesling, the undertaker who embalmed the body of Mary Phagan, and who had previously testified, was again recalled to the stand, following Mel Stanford.

Mr. Dorsey then asked him about the curtains through which it is alleged Frank went suddenly at the undertaker's shop to escape a full view of Mary Phagan's body.

After that the solicitor asked Mr. Gheesling if there was any formaldehyde in the embalming fluid he had used on the girl and the ingredients of which he stated he did not want to make public.

"There is formaldehyde in it; I'll state that about 8 per cent of it is formaldehyde," he replied.

The fluid is Mr. Gheesling's own invention and he keeps it as one of the secrets of his trade.

Mr. Rosser then made the point that it was unfair for the solicitor to make public one ingredient which might aid the state, and yet allow the witness to keep the others a secret.

"I wanted to show that the fluid had formaldehyde in it," retorted Mr. Dorsey, rather hotly, "because I can show by physicians that the injection of formaldehyde removes the congestion of the lungs, and the defense has drawn from Dr. J. W. Hurt that the lungs were not congested when he examined the body.

"I don't want to make Mr. Gheesling give away his secret process of making embalming fluid," he added, "and if the defense wants to require that of him, let them do it."

After a conference it was decided that Gheesling should write out the ingredients of his fluid and let the lawyers, judge and jury and the testifying physician know it. This, it was decided, would prevent the risk of some spectator copying down the formula and selling it to another undertaker.

Gheesling was then furnished with pencil and paper and he wrote out the formula. He was excused at 10 o'clock.