

What is necessary to be proved (C)

- 1 - That ~~the deceased~~ Peter Rankin the person whom the prisoner at the bar is accused of having killed by poison is dead -
- 2 - That he came to his death by the use of poisonous drugs or medicines
- 3 - That these drugs or medicines were procured ~~or~~ provided and administered by the prisoner at the bar -
- 4 - That the prisoner did this either
 - a - with a positive and distinct intention to kill the said Peter Rankin, or
 - b - without a correct knowledge of the nature and effects of said poisons, or
 - c - with a careless indifference as to whether his death resulted or not.

If he administered the drugs & medicines described with the explicit design of depriving Peter Rankin or any other person of life he is guilty of Murder -

If he did so with a knowledge of their poisonous character, and in amounts sufficient to cause death, such specific design is implied by the act itself - and he is still guilty of murder -

If he administered it without a knowledge of its character and effects, and with an utter indifference as to the results, careless and indifferent as to whether death ensued or not, he is in that case guilty of murder -

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If he administered it without such knowledge
knowledge of its character and effects,
with the design or hope of effecting a cure
of the cough and head ache of the deceased
or of obtaining the reputation of having
done so, and death resulted therefrom
he is guilty of manslaughter -

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