

Lights shift Jo. Adams, Abigail Freeman and Edward Williams as they recount the story.

JOSEPH ADAMS, FREEMAN, WILLIAMS

Dear Sir.-

WILLIAMS

Dr. Harlow has requested me to transmit a description of the appearance of Mr. Gage when I first saw him after the accident. I now hasten to do so with pleasure.

JOSEPH ADAMS

He had boarded in my house for several weeks previous to his being injured upon the railroad and I saw him and conversed with him soon after the accident.

FREEMAN

I was home on the day Mr. Gage was hurt. I saw an Irishman riding up to my door and I stepped over to ascertain the cause.

JOSEPH ADAMS

He rode to the house, three quarters of a mile, sitting in a cart...

FREEMAN

I found him in a cart, sitting up without aid, his back against the foreboard. When we reached his quarters, he rose to his feet without aid, and walked...

JOSEPH ADAMS

...he walked from the cart into the piazza...

WILLIAMS

...the piazza of Mr. Adams hotel, in Cavendish.

The three take a beat and glance at each other.

WILLIAMS

I first noticed the wound upon the head before I alighted from my carriage, the pulsations of the brain being very distinct. The top of the head appeared somewhat like an inverted funnel as if some wedge-shaped body had passed from below upward.

JOSEPH ADAMS

In regard to the elevated appearance of the wound, and the introduction of my finger into it, I can fully confirm this.

He tries to put his finger in the wound
but Williams stops him.

WILLIAMS

Mr. Gage, during the time I was examining this wound, was relating the manner in which he was injured to the bystanders. He talked rationally and was willing to answer questions.

FREEMAN

Mr. Gage persisted in saying that the bar went through his head.

WILLIAMS

I asked him where the bar entered and he pointed to the wound on his cheek, which I had not before discovered...

JOSEPH ADAMS

...because of the gore...

FREEMAN

...because of the gore...

WILLIAMS

...because of the gore.

JOSEPH ADAMS

At this time I would add that I repeatedly saw him eject matter from his mouth...

WILLIAMS

...he vomited a large quantity of blood together with some of his food; the effort of vomiting pressed out about half a teacupful of the brain...

JOSEPH ADAMS

...similar in appearance to that discharge from his head...

WILLIAMS

...which fell to the floor.