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HODELL DEFENSE CHARGES POLICE "FRAMED" CASE

White Cloud, Mich., Oct. 20.—[Special.]—With the closing of the state's case against Mrs. Meda Hodell, charged with the murder of her father-in-law, and also accused of poisoning her husband, Attorney Arthur W. Penny for the defense made the direct charge to the jury today that the state police had forced confessions from the young widow and her mother and brothers by playing on their religious superstitions.

The defense fought also to break down the testimony of State Chemist Charles L. Bliss that the death of aged David Hodell was due to strychnine.

Henry Zuidemo, Grand Rapids newspaper man, testified Mrs. Hodell admitted killing her father-in-law. He declared the woman said "it was the best thing for him and for all of us."