

ACCUSED OF THE MURDER OF GRACE BROWN.

Chester Gillette Says Girl Was Accidentally Drowned.

Utica, N. Y., July 15.—Chester Gillette of Cortland was arrested at the Arrowhead, on Fourth Lake, in the Adirondacks, yesterday morning, charged with the murder of Grace Brown of South Orangetown, on Big Moose Lake, on Wednesday afternoon. He was taken to Fulton Chain, where the manager of the hotel at Big Moose identified him as the man who accompanied Miss Brown on her trip upon the lake. Gillette admitted that he had been with the girl.

He said that he was with Miss Brown in this city on Monday night and that they went to Tupper Lake on Tuesday. They visited Big Moose on Wednesday and went out on the lake. Gillette declared that while they were in the boat he arose to get his hat and that the boat tipped over. He said he kept as far from Miss Brown as possible, fearing that she would drag him down with her, and shouted to her to catch hold of the boat. This she failed to do and, after going down several times, she sank and did not come to the surface.

He did not explain why he did not give an alarm. It is explained that he did not attempt to leave the woods because he had no money. The prisoner's clothing does not indicate that he had been in the water, and his cuff case and camera, which were in the boat when he alleges it tipped over, have been found dry and undamaged.

The post mortem examination of the body of the girl was made yesterday. While no official information was given out, it is known that the examination showed that the girl was alive when her body entered the water, although she may have been stunned; that the bruises on her face were caused, without doubt, by blows of a man's fist.

Gillette worked in the same factory with Miss Brown in Cortland. He went there about two years ago from Seattle, Washington, and is a nephew of N. H. Gillette, the proprietor of the factory. He was seen frequently with Miss Brown, and she told her parents that they were to be married. When Miss Brown went to her home during her vacation she had a long conversation with Gillette over the telephone, and was heard to say that he had not treated her fairly.