

89. And I think you absconded twice?—Yes.
90. Do you remember why you were put in there?—For general misconduct.
91. You were just off to Sydney with a man when you were arrested?—Yes.
92. You had given yourself up to an evil life at that time?—I refuse to answer any personal remarks.
93. Considering what had happened before you came here, are you satisfied that efforts are being made to put you in a good position when you leave here? Are you satisfied that what these people are doing is done with the object of helping you in your future life?—Yes.
94. You are quite satisfied of that?—Yes.
- 94A. Are you satisfied, judging from your own character and that of the other girls here, that anything that is done here is unavoidable in order to bring about that result? Are you satisfied that what is being done here is being done for a good purpose?—Yes.
95. You are quite satisfied on that point?—Yes.
96. And you recognise you have to submit to certain restrictions here in order to try and put you in a good position by-and-by?—Yes.
97. I ask you now, as a girl who is getting old, what complaints have you really got against the Home that you think are well founded: Of course, we know every girl has to put up with a certain amount of restriction, but using your common-sense, and being fair, what complaints have you got either against the Department or against the Matron, seeing that you consider that they are doing their best to put you in a good position?—Well, I think I ought to have a show at service.
98. Is that not a matter that must be left to the experience and knowledge of the Matron?—I dare say.
99. Do you think that in keeping you here a little longer than you think right she is acting (whether rightly or wrongly, in your opinion) in your best interests?—Yes.
100. Therefore, though you think you ought to go out into the world, if she, as an experienced woman, thinks you ought not to go out yet, are you satisfied she is doing the best for you?—Yes.
101. You are quite satisfied that in preventing you from going out yet the Matron is doing the best for you?—Yes.
102. You like the Matron yourself?—Yes, I have nothing to say against her.
103. She does her best to make your life here as happy as she can?—Yes.
104. With regard to cutting trees, do I understand you to say you have worked about four hours every day since you have been here cutting trees?—Not cutting trees.
105. Let us take last week: how many days last week were you cutting trees?—Monday morning we were sawing.
106. For how long?—Just for a short time.
107. That is all you did last week in tree-cutting?—No, on Tuesday afternoon we were sawing trees again.
108. For how long?—Just a short time, about an hour.
109. Let us take the week before: how long were you cutting trees or sawing wood?—Two or three days.
110. For a short time?—We were sawing at the wood until about a quarter to 5.
111. Are you always sawing, or is it taken turn about with the other girls?—Turn about.
112. How often in the month does your own turn come?—The girls usually choose the work for themselves.
113. You like this part of the work yourself: you choose it voluntarily?—Yes.
114. You do this particular work because you like it better than the other work?—Yes.
115. You have been in good health all the time you have been here?—Yes.
116. Very good?—Yes.
117. You have had no medical advice at all?—No.
118. And you feel well, except that you get these headaches?—Yes.
119. And they do not come very often?—No.
120. Did you select the work at the lupins for yourself?—No, I was sent to do that.
121. How far is that from here?—Just across the irrigation paddock.
122. These lupins are 6 ft. to 7 ft. high?—Nearly as high as the door.
123. And any one could hide in them easily?—Yes.
124. Is that why they are cut down—to prevent girls getting into them and hiding?—I cannot say.
125. If they were left, the girls would be able to get into them very easily?—Yes.
126. Cutting lupins is not very severe work?—I do not like it.
127. What do you cut them with?—Pick-axe and chopper.
128. What thickness is the lupin?—About 1 in. or 1½ in.
129. They are green sappy things?—Yes.
130. Easily cut through?—Some of them are difficult to cut.
131. Why?—Because the roots are thick.
132. When you cut the lupins, are they left to dry, or do you gather them up?—Some are gathered up to make a path by the irrigation paddock.
133. The others are left to dry?—Yes.
134. You set about getting up the roots with a pick-axe?—Yes.
135. Is it a small pick-axe?—No.
136. Did the Matron not say it was the lightest and smallest she could buy?—I dare say.
137. The soil is very light and sandy?—Yes.
138. You simply put the pick-axe under the root and pull it up?—You have to give a good hard hit at them before you get them up.
139. You have always been in good health?—Yes.