and, next day, I reported around to the Court House. This is a most spacious building, with high ceilings and with the most beautiful iron railings in the court room. (Katharine Hepburn and Vivien Leigh would be interested in these railings, for their country homes.) The interior was being painted in delicate pastel colours so that it made me feel it would be a pleasure to be tried in such surroundings.

Two days saw the completion of the sorting of the records, chiefly those of the Magistrate's Court and the C.P.S.

Having been away for almost a month I began to feel I would like to see my hore again, so, when a young commercial traveller offered me a lift to fownsville, I was very glad to accept. I had some trouble paying my bill as the licensee did not like to be disturbed while he was having his afternoon's rest. The only other member of the staff on duty would not accept the money, so I had to wait around until the siesta period was over. Then we set forth.

After stopping for petrol, my kind driver told me that we would now put on our safety belts although he didn't ever do more than 70 miles an hour. It is a very good road from Charters Towers to Townsville, having been constructed by the Americans during the war years. However, for a large part of the way, this road is actually on properties and cattle stray across, hence the safety belts in case we had to jerk to a standstill on account of this hazard.

It took 2 hours for the drive and I was deposited right at the railway station and my luggage was carried on to the platform for me. Two hours later I began my long journey home.

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