CRUEL EVICTIONS.

Bodyke Tenants Fighting for Their Homes —Cayenne Pepper, Boiling Water, Bees, Etc., Used as Weapons of Warfare.

A Dublin cable says: The evictions at Bodyke continue. The tenants are offering all the opposition in their power to the Sheriff and his guard of police and troops, and find various means to seriously annoy the officers. In some of the houses from which the occupants were to be evicted cayenne pepper was burned, the fumes of which nearly choked the bailiff. Boiling water was also thrown from the windows upon the evicting force. At two houses where evictions were effected collisions occurred between the police and the people and a number of arrests were made. When the Sheriff's force arrived at the house of tenant Liddy and ordered the family to leave, a daughter of Mr. Liddy threw an iron hoop at the bailiff who attempted to force the door. The hoop missed the bailiff, but struck a police inspector. The girl was arrested. A brother of the girl was also arrested for inciting the crowd to violence. Another daughter of the tenant, who denounced the treatment her family were receiving, was struck by a policeman and felled to the ground. This maddened the crowd, and they advanced for the purpose of attacking the officers. Michael Davitt, who was present at the eviction, pleaded with the people not to use violence and barely managed to avert a collision. After the Liddy family had been evicted the police made an attack upon the house of a man named McNamara, which was strongly fortified. Crowbars were used and a hole was made through the wall. McNamara's wife and children were in the house and cried piteously until Mr. Davitt shouted words of comfort to them. McNamara was arrested for pelting the bailiffs with dung. The bailiffs smashed the furniture of the house out of pure malice. The force, after leaving the house, proceeded to that occupied by tenant Hussey, for the purpose of evicting him. It is thought the police have extremely warm work before them.

When the evicting force reached Hussey's house they were received with a shower of boiling water, stones and bottles and a swarm of bees were let loose upon them. The tenants desisted from pelting the bailiffs only when the troops threatened to fire. The bailiffs demolished a wall and entered the house, but were repulsed bleeding. The eviction was effected only after a struggle of two hours and a half. The male defenders of the house were arrested. A meeting of tenants was afterwards held, at which Michael Davitt repeated the advice he gave them yesterday, to resist eviction by every means, and defied the Government to arrest him.

Bodyke is in county Clare and the evictions are on the estate of Col. O'Callaghan.

CASTLES IN THE AIR.

New York Magnates to Build a Grand Cathedral.

A New York despatch says: New York was astonished to-day to learn that a project was on foot to build in the Empire City a mammoth Protestant Episcopal Cathedral, a second Westminster Abbey or St. Paul's Cathedral, in fact. Bishop Potter is ex-officio President of the Trustees and of all the committees. The Board now includes among its prominent members Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, Dr. William R. Huntington, Rev. E. W. Donald, Hamilton Fish, Stephen P. Nash, George MacCulloch Miller, Samuel D. Babcock, William W. Astor, J. Pierpont Morgan, Cornelius Vanderbilt and Richard Anchmuty—names which in themselves are a guarantee that a building done under their direction will be worthy of the city they represent. The plan is to erect the grandest church building in America, and one of the greatest cathedrals in the world. It is only settled that the Cathedral of St. John the Divine—as the edifice is to be known—will be situated on Manhattan Island, and, if possible, on a lofty and conspicuous position, where its monumental character will dominate the entire island. For this purpose a plot at least four times the size of that on which St. Patrick's is built will be needed. Bishop Potter will issue a circular letter in a few days giving the plan of his official sanction, and subscriptions will be called for to carry forward the work. The proposed cathedral, it is estimated, will cost about $6,000,000.

Fighting in South America.

A Panama despatch says: A veritable "funeral party" recently took place near Meriden, Yucatan, Mexico. A general row broke out among the guests who had assembled to celebrate a marriage ceremony, and during the fight seven persons were killed, the groom being among the number.

The following cable message addressed to the Consul of Ecuador at Panama from Guaquaguil, under date of May 24th, has been received: "A fight took place in Esmeraldas on the 18th inst. between fifty regular soldiers and two hundred mountaineers under Sandoval. The latter were defeated. They lost twenty men, had several of their number captured and lost thirty rifles and a number of carbines."

Personal Points.

Rev. Dr. McCosh, President of Princeton College, is ill with bronchitis.

Haggard's best novel has had a curious experience in an English public library. "King Solomon's Mines" is placed among the works on mineralogy.

Calvin S. Brice, who was a poor schoolteacher at Lima, O., a few years ago, has leased James Gordon Bennett's gorgeous villa at Newport for the summer. Mr. Brice has made his fortune as a railroad consolidator, and his transactions have the merit of being legitimate.

An amusing incident occurred recently in London at Buffalo Bill's show. Mr. Justice Lopez was strolling about the Indian village and fell in with a papoose, aged 3 years, who promptly lasoed him round the neck with a rope and refused to let him go. Loud was the laughter of all who beheld the judge bound by an Indian baby.

A Chinese gentleman was admitted as a practising lawyer to the bar of New York last week.

The value of the produce of the fisheries of the Dominion for 1886 was $18,679,283, an increase in the value of the produce of $956,000, compared with 1885.

A BIGAMIST'S ROMANCE.

Strange Story Brought to Light by the Daughter of a Canadian Railway Engine Driver.

A Halifax, N. S., despatch says: The recent death of an engine driver on the Intercolonial Railway, known as Joseph McLellan, has led to the discovery of a romance connected with his life. He came to Halifax from Edinburgh, Scotland, thirty-five years ago. His real name was Joseph McGill. He deserted his wife and seven children there. On his arrival here he assumed the name of Joseph McLellan. Shortly afterwards he obtained a position on the Intercolonial as driver, and was engaged on the road for the third of a century. His deserted wife and family never heard any trace of him. Twenty-five years ago he was married again, to a Halifax girl named Sarah Tobin, by whom he had four children, who survive. Last year the aged bigamist, apparently struck by remorse in his old age, revisited Edinburgh and sought out his first wife and children. They were all dead except two, a daughter, now Mrs. Jane Fraser, and her sister Sarah. These he told the story of his shame and crime, and promised to make provision for them out of property he had accumulated. He returned again to Halifax, but never revealed his romance to his second wife and family. Recently, while oiling his engine, he fell off the step of the locomotive and struck the sharp spout of his oil can, which entered his head above the ear and killed him instantly. A few days ago his daughter, Mrs. Jane Fraser, arrived here from Scotland, made affidavit of the facts of the case to Judge Shannon and has obtained administration of the estate of her late father. Thus she and her sister will secure his life insurance and all his property, and the second wife and her family are left out in the cold.

IN DEATH NOT DIVIDED.

Pathetic Story of an Aged Couple who Chose to Die Together.

A Jersey City, N.J., despatch says: Professor Charles Siedhorf and his wife Matilda, aged 91 and 92 years respectively, tired of a long and futile struggle with destitution, committed suicide this afternoon at Union Hill. Siedhorf, it is said, was a professor of chemistry at one time at Heidelberg University. He came to Union Hill about thirty-five years ago. He supported himself by writing for the newspapers, making translations and occasionally lecturing upon chemistry and electricity. In 1872 he opened a boarding school, which prespered for several years, but his patrons gradually deserted him and the school was closed about eight years ago. An investment in a patent cooking utensil cost him several thousand dollars and he gradually became despondent. The couple had been living in poverty for some time, and the authorities had decided to remove Siedhorf to the county hospital. He was granted a week to arrange his affairs, and to-day when the poormaster called at the apartments occupied by the couple Siedhorf asked for an hour longer. When the officer returned he found the couple lying on the floor. The woman was dead and the man died before medical aid arrived. They had taken cyanide of potassium.

Siedhorf left a number of rambling letters bemoaning his circumstances. He leaves his scientific books to Columbia College.

Wearing Apparel in a Bottle.

Pretty Annie Pixley, a New York favorite, is quite as delightful and droll in private life as she is on the stage. I remember crossing the Canadian border once in company with her and her philosopher husband, to wit, Bob Fulford, whose presence at my elbow reminds me of it.

Somebody had presented Bob with a bottle of choice brandy in case of sudden sickness on the train. With woman's characteristic thoughtfulness, the little Pixley stored the bottle in her handkerchief.

In due course an officer of the customs came along and spying the hand-bag asked the mischievous owner what it contained.

Without an instant's hesitation or confusion she replied: "Wearing apparel."

"Will you open it, please?"

"Certainly," was the ready response, and giving it a flip the bottle of brandy was brought to view.

"Call that wearing apparel?" asked the astonished official.

"Yes, sir," demurely answered the little woman. "It's my husband's "night-cap."

No, my son, the bottle was not confiscated.

Northwest Food Products.

At Senator Schultz's Committee of Enquiry into the Northwest natural food products, the evidence of Mr. Forget was concluded yesterday. He stated that the Indian can eat three times as much as a whiteman. Bacon was unhealthy food for the Indians, and in time of scarcity the Government should supply fresh beef, potatoes, wild rice and barley. The Indians should be encouraged to grow barley, for which a market might be found. Hops might also be cultivated, as they are easily picked by children and squaws. In the rivers running into the Saskatchewan from the Rocky Mountains man with a pan and a shovel could make $1.50 per day washing for gold, with occasional rich finds.

Even the Second-Hand Were Too Dear.

"I reckon we'll have to give up the idee of puttin' pictures in our parlor, Miranda," remarked Jeremiah Turnipseed, as he threw the bridle under the table. "Why?" asked Miranda. "Too dear. Why, I priced one at the city to-day, and the dealer sez, sez he, 'That's an old master; its price is $5,000.' 'Why,' sez I, 'looks like a second-hand pictur'.' 'Yes, it is,' sez he. Then, thinks I, if a second-hand pictur' costs that much, it's no use to price a new un. So, Mirandy, I reckon we'll have to hang up a few mottoes, 'God Bless Our Home,' and the like, and let the picturs go."—*Pittsburg Commercial.*

He Didn't Catch the Word.

Mutual Friend (to travelling Yankee): I want to introduce you to Count Allegro Pianti Conossetti, of the old regime.

Travelling Yankee: Glad to meet you, Count. I haven't got any razors to hone, at present, but if you'll give me your card I'll remember you.—*Tid-Bits.*

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The local subscription to the Queen's (Kingston) endowment amounts to $39,000, exclusive of Mr. J. Carruther's $10,000.

Thomas, the 7 year-old son of James Kavanagh, of Kingston, fell off the wharf there on Saturday night and was drowned.

A deputation from the Montreal Bar will proceed to Ottawa to-day to urge on the Minister of Justice the necessity for an increase in the salaries of judges.

The specifications for the railway to the boundary have been prepared, and tenders for its construction are being called for by the Manitoba Government.

The wife of J. W. Bell, M. P., has received a letter from him at the Toronto Asylum, and it speaks of his recovery of health and probable early return to his home.

The body of Mr. Gillespie, a young married man who disappeared from his home at Clifton about a month ago, was found in the Niagara River at Youngstown on Friday afternoon.

St Jean Baptiste Society of Ottawa has adopted an address to the Queen, and, in the name of the French population of Ottawa, congratulates Her Majesty on attaining to the fiftieth year of her reign.

A memorial from Quebec and Montreal shipping agents and leading captains of the St. Lawrence urging the desirability of providing a harbor of refuge at Father Point will shortly be forwarded to Ottawa.

On Saturday afternoon a farmer named Wm. Kirkpatrick, while driving across the Grand Trunk track ten miles east of Kingston, was struck by an engine and killed. His body was carried several miles on the cowcatcher.

A burglar went through four of the boarders' clothes in Mrs. Graham's boarding house on Park avenue, London, yesterday morning, and secured three watches and chains, one gold and two silver. The back-door was left unfastened. No clue.

In reply to an inquiry whether Lord Lansdowne could accept an invitation to visit Montreal on the occasion of the jubilee celebration, His Excellency states that owing to previous engagements for the same event he is unable to leave Ottawa.

On Saturday afternoon the body of a female infant was found buried in the gravel on the river bed near Kensington Bridge, London. An inquest was held and a *post mortem* made, but owing to the decomposed condition of the body it was difficult to determine whether the child was born alive or not. The inquest was adjourned for a week.

Efforts are being made by the city of Hull to compel the new Eddy Manufacturing Company to pay the Roman Catholic Public School tax. Previous to incorporation, Mr. Eddy, who is a Protestant, paid the Separate or Protestant school rate, amounting to $800 a year, the Catholic school rate amounting to $4,000. The company will contest the payment.

William Embledon, aged 21, a resident of Harvey, York County, N. B., was instantly killed on Saturday afternoon on the New Brunswick Railway, near Magaguadavic Station. He was coupling cars loaded with logs, standing between the cars. The coupling link missed hold and the cars came together, jamming Embledon's head to a jelly between the ends of two logs.

The Greek Government intend negotiating for a gold loan of $30,000,000.

The final estimate of the victims of the Paris Opera Comique places the number at 130.

Prince Bismarck is anxious for a renewal of the Triple Alliance on a firmer basis than the last.

The Hessian Government are following the Prussian Government in abandoning the conflict with the Vatican.

Two officers, said to have belonged to the United States army and navy respectively, have committed suicide at Monte Carlo.

Dr. Morell Mackenzie, of London, will perform a second operation on Crown Prince Frederick William's throat on Wednesday.

Gen. Ferron, the new French Minister of War, has offered Gen. Boulanger the command of an army corps, but Gen. Boulanger has asked for a few months' rest.

Prof. Stein, the eminent political economist, of Berlin, has issued a pamphlet showing the military importance to Great Britain of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The Empress of Germany is greatly enfeebled. She does not venture to walk in the grounds of the palace any more, her daily exercise being limited to that derived from being wheeled about in a chair.

King Christian IX. of Denmark has paid a visit to his daughter, the Duchess of Cumberland, at the asylum at Penzing. The condition of the Duchess is unchanged. The King, passing through Vienna incognito, visited the Emperor.

The Ameer of Bokhara has dismissed all the officials of his Government found intriguing against Russia. He has informed the Governor of Turkestan that he and his subjects are impatiently waiting for the great link which will connect their country with Russia and diffuse civilization throughout Central Asia.

A considerable amount of Central Asia produce, especially cotton, is being sent to Russia over the extension of the Trans-Caspian Railway to Samarkand, in Asiatic Russia. Russia has forbidden that Chinese shall acquire land in towns on the Pacific coast. They will only be allowed to lease estates outside of towns.

The New Zealand Government, Sir Robert Stout, Premier, was defeated in a test vote taken in the Colonial Parliament on Wednesday. The Ministry at once resigned. Parliament was dissolved and an appeal to the country taken. The regular elections have been set for September next. There has been general dissatisfaction in the colony for some time past over Sir Julius Vogel's land nationalization scheme and his general management of the Department of Finance, and it is very probable that Major Atkinson, the popular leader of the Opposition, will be returned to power.

Sir Charles Dilke's remarkable article in "The Fortnightly Review" of the month, coupled with Lord Randolph Churchill's speech at Wolverhampton Friday night, have ended by scaring John Bull seriously concerning the lamentable state of his defences. Sir Charles, speaking from diplomatic knowledge acquired abroad, asserts in the most positive terms that any war between one of the great European Powers and England would involve a foreign invasion of the latter. On the other hand, Lord Randolph, speaking from knowledge acquired as Cabinet Minister, asserts that Malta, one of the principal strongholds of GreatBritain in Europe, is not provided with provisions or ammunition for more than three weeks.

Mr. W. Reid, editor of the New York *Tribune*, has been dangerously ill for the last few weeks of typhoid fever. He will recover.

The annual meeting of the American Medical Association will be held in Chicago on Tuesday, June 7th, and will continue in session until the Friday following. From 1,000 to 1,500 physicians and surgeons are expected to be present.

A New York despatch says the report that Walter P. Phillips, general manager of the *United Press*, has been drowned in the St.Lawrence, is an error. Mr. Phillips is at present in New York and in his usual health.

A Texas & Pacific express train was robbed by four masked men, eight miles west of Fort Worth, Texas, on Saturday night, and $1,360 was taken from the express car and three registered letters from the mail car. The passengers were not molested.

A State ball is to be given at Rideau Hall on June 21st in honor of the Queen's Jubilee.

The License Inspector at Kingston is prosecuting the keeper of a militia canteen for selling liquor on Sunday.

Bishop Walsh on Sunday blessed the corner stone and foundations of St. Philip's (R. C.) Church, at Petrolia. The building will cost about $8,000.

The Governor-General and Lady Lansdowne will go on a fishing trip to Metapedia at the close of the session, afterwards visiting the citadel at Quebec.

The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal was held in Montreal yesterday, the reports being unanimously adopted and the old Board of Directors re-elected.

The London Board of Aldermen last night voted $3,000 towards the expense of the railway demonstration and Queen's Jubilee celebration on the 20th and 21st inst.

The schooner Alfred, Capt. Longmere, has been seized at Annapolis, U. S., for smuggling oil from the United States. It is stated that other seizures are likely to follow.

The body of an unknown child was found yesterday morning at the end of Percy street, near Stewart's bush, Ottawa. Death had been recent, and evidences of foul play were evident.

It is rumored in Montreal political circles that Mr. Coursol, M. P., has been offered a seat in the Dominion Cabinet in view of the reported resignation of Mr. Chapleau, and that Mr. Girouard, M. P., will be asked to accept it if Mr. Coursol refuses.

A daring robbery was perpetrated yesterday morning in the Montreal Post-office, a package containing from twenty-five to thirty registered letters being abstracted through the wicket of the registry office while the clerks' backs were momentarily turned. The thief got safely away with his booty, and so far no clue has been obtained.

The Department of Marine at Ottawa has received advices that five Newfoundland fishermen, picked up at sea in a small boat by the barquentine Maria, were landed at Little Glace Bay, Cape Breton, yesterday morning. They were almost famished and had been adrift on the ocean for seven days. Their sufferings were terrible. One of them had his toes frozen, which will have to be amputated.

The *Germania* admits the truth of the report that Duke Paul of Meeklenburg-Schiverin has returned to the Roman Catholic Church.

Emperor William caught a cold during his visit to Kiel last week, and is compelled to remain in his apartments. There are no serious symptoms.

The London *Times* says Gladstone audaciously triumphs in his own wrong. His apology in his speech at Swansea for the obstruction methods in Parliament of the opponents of the Government Irish Bill, it admits, gives the Government a grave difficulty to confront.

A despatch from Lagos says that a rather serious dispute has arisen between the English and the French with reference to the ownership of a portion of territory on the coast near Porto Novo. The English and the natives had hauled down the French flag.

The King and Queen of Italy yesterday attended the ceremony of unveiling a monument to the Italian soldiers who fell in the recent battle at Dongoli with the Abyssinians. A number of survivors of the battle received demonstrations of sympathy from the people.

A collision occurred in the St. George's Channel yesterday between the British barque Hamburg, from New York for Liverpool, and the steamer Tern. The steamer was sunk, and her captain and four seamen drowned. The Tern was 609 tons burthen, and was from Mediterranean ports.

The House of Commons re-assembled yesterday—the anniversary of the defeat of Mr. Gladstone's Government last year on the budget proposals. Business is so much behind that a drastic step must soon be adopted. The House went into committee on the post-office estimates, and Mr. Raikes announced a new system of patterns post which met with general approval.

A Calcutta cablegram says: It has been proved beyond doubt, by the picking up of the captain's chest, that the steamer Sir John Lawrence was lost in the recent cyclone off this coast. The steamer carried 750 passengers, and it is believed the whole number were lost. The largest part of the passengers are native ladies who were going to Juggernaut, in Orissia, to celebrate the Juggernaut Festival. The catastrophe has cast a feeling of gloom over the Hindoo community here, and all the best families are in mourning for relatives or friends who were among the passengers.

A Queenstown despatch says: The Plan of Campaign has scored a victory on the Ponsonby estates by the landlord's acceptance of the terms offered by the tenants, scores of whom have been evicted within the past fortnight. Ominously enough, the tenantry on the Ponsonby estates were the first to adopt the Plan of Campaign. It was their priest, the Rev. Father Keller, who was incarcerated, and on this estate young O'Hanlan was killed. The victory for the Plan is regarded as one of the greatest importance, because this landlord has been supported by the Landlords' Defence Union and the Orange Clubs in resisting the tenantry.

The French and Russian ambassadors have lodged the objections of their Governments to the ratification by Turkey of the Anglo-Turkish Convention relative to Egypt. M. Nelidoff, the Russian Ambassador, in communicating his Government's objections, hinted that if the Sultan ratified the Convention such action might cost him his throne. He also indirectly charged England with bribing the Grand Vizier with £600,000 sterling and other palace officials with large amounts, to secure their approval of the Convention. The Sultan after his interview with M. Nelidoff immediately summoned Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, special British envoy, and questioned him as to the truth of the charges. Sir Henry indignantly denied that he or his Government had been guilty of bribery. The Turkish officials who were said to have received bribes also warmly protested their innocence.

Half a million has already been raised for the purposes of the new Protestant Episcopal Cathedral at New York.

A Chicago despatch says: Just one ward declared yesterday in favor of boodle and anarchy. Except in Chicago's Sixth Ward the vote throughout the county averaged 3 to 1 against the twin evils.

Mr. W. W. Corcoran, the aged millionaire, of Washington, philanthropist, was suddenly stricken with paralysis in the left arm and left leg yesterday afternoon while at the dining table. His condition is not considered serious.

Flirtations at Sea.

Courtesy to fellow-passengers at sea is imperative. Nevertheless, it is most unwise to form intimacies with ship acquaintances. Adventurers of both sexes abound on the ocean vessels, and unfortunate indeed have been some of the complications I have known to arise from an indiscreet disclosure of family affairs to these persons. Respecting the flirtations which are so prevalent on shipboard, I wish I could "meet the eye" of every decent girl who is about to traverse the ocean, and warn her, as she values her good name, to beware of the many fascinating male foreigners whom business or pleasure calls on shipboard, and who are ever wont to beguile the tedium of the trip by indulging in any amount permitted of flirtation, intrigue, or whatever you choose to call it, with any nice-looking woman who will lend herself to their wiles. I recently made the trip on a vessel with a very respectable family from one of our large western cities, an invalid mother, a grown daughter and some small children. A very handsome young British officer, going out to join his regiment in Canada, was among the passengers, and the girl's infatuation for him was so marked as to be at first ludicrous, then offensive to all the rest of the passengers on the vessel. With difficulty she was prevented from accepting his invitation to join him in his proposed trip to Niagara Falls. The purser of the ship, as honest a soul as ever lived, took the matter in his own hands, and never lost sight of the girl until he had put her on board the far west train and seen her start home with her mother and small sisters and brothers.—*Olive Logan.*

A Sacrifice to the Devil.

When the writer of this article was a parson in Yorkshire he had in his parish a blacksmith blessed or afflicted—which shall we say?—with seven daughters and not a son. Now the parish was a newly constituted one, and it had a temporary licensed service-room; but in the week before the newly-erected church was to be consecrated the blacksmith's wife presented her husband with a boy—his first boy. Then the blacksmith came to the parson and the following conversation ensued:

Blacksmith—Please, sir, I've got a little lad at last, praised be, and I want to have him baptized on Sunday.

Parson—Why, Joseph, put it off to Thursday, when the new church will be consecrated; then your little man will be the first child christened in the new font in the new church.

Blacksmith (shuffling with his feet, hitching his shoulders, looking down)—Please, sir, folks say that the t' fust child as is baptised i' a new church is bound to dee (die.) The old un (the devil) claims it. I've seven lasses and but one lad. If this were a lass agin 't wouldn't a mattered; but as it's a lad—well, sir, I won't risk it. —*Cornhill Magazine.*

Deceived by a Crow.

A letter from Tuscola, Ill., says: A few days since, while John Van Dyke, a well-known nurseryman of this city, together with a friend, were riding along in a buggy near Newman, they heard, as they passed Martin Epley's barn, what they took to be the pitiful cry of a child proceeding from that building. "Oh, pa!" "Oh, pa!" the child seemed to say, and Mr. Van Dyke, thinking it in distress, gave the lines to his friend, leaped out of the buggy, and went to its assistance. On opening the barn-door no child was to be seen, but instead a pet crow which the family had confined during their absence. He was still satisfied there was a child around until the crow with a peculiar twist of the head and neck, would bring out the cry, plain and distinct, "Oh, pa," several times. It is said to have learned the words from hearing the children repeat them. It is also asserted that, by splitting a crow's tongue, he can be taught to talk plainer than a parrot.

Just Five Minutes Too Late.

It is related that upon one occasion, when Commodore Judkins was in command of the Scotia, a fussy little gentleman came to him just as the steamer was leaving Liverpool, and asked if he thought the Scotia would arrive in New York upon a certain day in time for him to catch the noon train for Philadelphia. Judkins looked at him a moment in silence, and then, taking out his watch, replied: "I fear, sir, we shall be five minutes too late