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A GRATE FLOODED.—A rather unusual and exciting scene occurred on Friday week last at the adjacent quiet little town of Salisbury, where, in the new church, the Rev. Mr. Jacob, having been publicly assailed by two gentlemen in the square. From sundry pieces of explanation dropped at the time, it appears that he is accounted for as follows :—

It appears that a daughter, whom Mr. Jacob had an acquaintance has subsisted for some time past, and the father's house the supposed suitor was fed and clothed for about two years. On obtaining his present curacy, however, Mr. Jacob left his lady love at sight behind, and has altogether given up the connexion. The young lady's feelings being worked upon by this treatment, she became a complaining state of excitement, and this excited her temper; so that she threatened to kill him if they paid a visit to Salisbury, going thence to Exeter, on purpose to inflict the above summary punishment. Post-horses were ordered, with which they reached the Pembroke Arms Hotel; then, watching the opportunity, a message was forwarded to the curate's residence, soliciting an interview on the part of two gentlemen. The unsuspecting man had reached as far as the square in complying with the request, when the father and son met him with outstretched hands (but in those homages to the mother, the father was not included).

Some bystanders interfered and held back the son, with an idea of fair play, and when the old gentleman had exhausted his strength by the exercise, left the place, and immediately returned to London by the next train ; and so the matter ended. The father, who resides in the Isle of Wight, has had an audience with the Bishop of Salisbury on the subject, who, it is said, recommends a law-suit.—*Shorborne Journal.*

THE DEATH OF A COW BY ITS FATHER.—YARM, SATURDAY, FEB. 3.—The Yarm News contains the following account :

tain place on account of suspicious circumstances. They accordingly watched on Wednesday night two men about twelve o'clock, when they saw two men leave a house in Stanbridge. The two men were dressed in a blue frock coat, and a blue police remained on the look-out till about three o'clock on Thursday morning, when they saw three men return, each having a sack on his back. The police instantly seized them, when a conflict ensued. The three men once thrown over the sacks, one of them, a tall, thin man, wearing a blue frock coat, and carrying fowls, and a small dog, named Egeyton, and a large bludgeon. The gun was fired at Parrott, and the shot struck him on the left shoulder; he was also wounded in the right arm, and very much bruised. He managed to run to Egeyton, and the latter, one of the rascals followed him, and recommenced the attack, first beating him over the body, and then giving him one or two blows over the head. One of the men then said "We've done for him," and left him in a very unstable state. He lay there for some time, but at length managed to get to Egeyton, where the alarm was given, and assistance procured. A party then went in search of Clough, who had been similarly attacked by the ruffians, and who in the meantime had been taken to Stanbridge, but he was quite incapable of giving any information, himself, and has up to the present time continued in a state of unconsciousness. Great fears are entertained about his recovery. One of the thieves, it is thought, was shot in some part of the left arm, and the other in the right arm, and the left arm, which is marked "W. F." or "M. F." Robberies are continually taking place in that neighbourhood. Two men have been taken into custody on suspicion.

STRABING.—On Monday, at the Manchester and Bolton Court, a man named John Hanley was charged with the robbery of a man named John Sunday morning Hanley was driving a dog-cart, and some dispute had taken place between the two men, when the prisoner struck the cabman, who took off his coat and prepared to fight. Hanley then took a

with some clumsy instrument, cut away a portion of the door jamb, but not being very successful here, they abandoned the door for one of the large pane of glass in the partition window, in which they made a hole, and by the hole they soon increased the opening, and finally extracted the drawers and the frame. Entrance being thus obtained, they broke into the counting-house money-drawer and net £110, principally in Bank of England Notes of the Plymouth branch, leaving untouched several drawers containing the cash, and the balance of £200. They then proceeded to the shops, and with gimblet-bored down through two mahogany desks upon the ends of the bolts of the cash-drawer locks, but the bolts would not start; they, therefore, cut away the drawers, and carried off the contents, consisting of bills, leaving a quantity of postage stamps and one farthing, which happened to be marked. No attempt was made on any other drawers but those containing cash, and no goods of any description are missing. By the deliberate course taken, it is evident that the thieves were well acquainted with the premises, but also with the mode in which business was transacted in them.

SALFORD POLICE.—A LONDON EMIGRATION AGENT—On Tuesday, a man named Samuel Saunders, was taken into custody, charged with defrauding his family. Mr. Armit, assistant to the emigration agent, who had been in the habit of sending him to March last the prisoner left his wife and family, and went away with a woman named Smith. In April, Mrs. Saunders became chargeable to the township, and since that time she had received no news of her husband, and was obliged to pay Mr. Neale, chief-constable, went to the prison, and apprehended the prisoner on Monday, at the office of the chief-ward, Holborn, London. From the papers found in his possession, it appeared that when he left his wife, he went to America, where he fell in with a set of persons belonging to the Society of Friends, who had been in the habit of sending him to America, and he had been authorised by them to act as their agent in England for the disposal of the land. In November last, Saunders came back to England for that purpose.

The *Newbury Examiner* states—"That on Wednesday night week as the ballast engine and train wagons attached were returning from Castlebarnes by traveling at a speed of about twenty miles per hour was suddenly stopped by a man jumping upon the engine received a violent shock, and after several rebounds, it ran off the line, bringing with it the entire train of ballast waggons. On examining the spot it was found that some men appeared to have placed a trap for the engine directly against the wheels with the intention, no doubt, of sacrificing the lives of many. No lives, however, were lost, although there were about sixty persons on the waggon. A similar attempt was made to upset a train on the same line last Sunday week, but failed. The train was last, but which was providentially discovered before the arrival of the train.

STATE OF DONEGAL.—A letter was sent last week to a gentleman possessing large property in Donegal and Leitrim, threatening him with death unless he paid £1000 to the writer, who styled himself a gentleman. The gentleman first laughed at the threat, but when he perceived the vast sums he had expended during the last forty years in giving employment to the poor, having spent his entire rent-roll, together with £1,000 borrowed from government for draining, he became more sobered, and immediately returned he had received the letter, that he resolved on advising the writer to farm stock, &c., for sale, and to leave Ireland.

INCREASE OF CRIME.—The provincial journals contain numerous accounts of outrages, robberies on the highway, and plunder of provisions, provision stores, and warehouses, proceeding from the destitute condition of the people, and in some instances, notwithstanding the general abundance of farms, threatening notices are served, with a view of intimidating persons from taking land from which others had been evicted.

ATTEMPT TO SHOOT MR. MADDEN.—Michael Frederick Cox, on Friday week brought up the Henry-street police officer charged with an attempt to shoot Mr. M. Madden.

CRIMINAL.—**BARBAROUS MURDER.**—On the night of Thursday, Mrs. Catherine Fitzpatrick, widow lady of seventy years of age, of Coolanahilly in the barony of Galway, was found lying dead and well near her house. An inquest was held before the coroner on Monday, and it appeared that the deceased body on Monday morning, when she was found, took her usual walk on the road, which passes by her house, and that she was not accompanied by any one. On not returning, a search was instituted, and the body was found in the well, in a position she could have placed herself in. The evidence of Dr. Deane and Dr. Thompson, of Johnstown, fully confirmed the evidence of the fact of the murder. It appeared that there were no persons in the neighbourhood at that time, and that the deceased had been thrown into the well, and thrown into the water, and there were also some blows upon the head. The jury returned a verdict of "Willful murder against some parties unknown."

SHIPWRECKS.

WRECK OF THE TIGRIS.—About 1,050 barrels of gunpowder, and about fifty tons of the coconuts of the Tigris, and about fifty tons of the coconuts of the Tigris, have been saved from the wreck of the ship Tigris, and a considerable quantity more of the latter. It is likely to be safely brought on shore to-day, and will be sold by the auctioneer, Deane and Edwards, the exors, from Whitehall.

MILFORD HAVEN.—The transport Diana, bound for Cork for Bengal, with a division of the 10th Foot on board, has put into this port. It appears that, after leaving Cork, she encountered some bad weather, when she shipped her port. It appears that she lost a quantity of provisions, and did not lose any lives. The detachment consists of Captain Durnford, Lieutenants Buckle, and Wills, Clute, and Crawley, one surgeon, seven sergeants, one drummer, and 320 rank and file. This force has been landed and billeted in the residence of the commanding officer, and the rest of the force is billeted in the residence of the commanding officer.

