

DAY, May 5.--Before E. J. MEYNELL, Esq.,

TE ABOUT THE-BUILDING OF A HOUSE AT DERWENT COTTAGES. The plaintiff in this case was Samuel Ward, and defendant was William Fewster. The action recovered £11 10s. 6d., balance of an account not done. Mr. Dickinson appeared for plaintiff and at the outset said he should produce evi-

Hoxworth said he could not hear the case if agreement was not stamped.

DICKINSON remarked that it was not his intention to put in the agreement at all.

Hoxworth said that if an agreement existed, it was not in.

DICKINSON observed that the agreement was a specification, which was not signed by plaintiff or defendant.

HOSKINS, after looking at the document, said latter did not appear to be an agreement, but since having signed it, he would go on the case.

Plaintiff was then sworn. He said he was a con-

house for defendant, also one for a man Robson, adjoining it, at Derwent Cottages. He was to have 1s. per yard for walling and dashings was to have 10s. for building each flue, and undertook to do the plastering for 3d. a yard. The fire places, but was paid by day work. He took the time for the slater, and was to receive for the job. For digging the foundations

to receive 2d. per yard, its charges on for two days for cementing floors. Defendant paid him £7 2s. 6d, but told him to go and seek the rest. The house he built was now let for 3s. per week. The charges paid by Robson were similar to those charged by the defendant, and the former had paid him. The defendant examined by defendant: It is true that the defendant has come up in the back kitchen, but

caused by the frost.
Housour: Did you put the floor of Robson's down at the same time?
ntiff: About a week after. Some of it has come up. I have not allowed Robson anything at. At the time I put down the cement I ewater the frost would break it up, but he have it done.

plaintiff said he saw the fire-place in question 3 days ago, and there seemed to be nothing amiss. He had finished all the house except the ceilings, and these were not completed because defendant had no material.

An agreement was made between plaintiff, defendant and witness was to pay

price for labour as Mr. Fewster. He asserted being present when plaintiff told defendant that if he put down the cement the frost would interfere with it. Defendant replied there was no fear, and told him to lay it down. Witness ordered plaintiff to lay his floor, as he wanted it finished. His floor was also damaged, but did not blame plaintiff for it, but the frost.

floor was laid down by plaintiff, the other being laid down by another contractor named Wesley Field. That laid down by the last-named contractor had not been affected by the weather, and the defendant, in defence, said the work was not yet finished. The floor was not right, and the case was coming down. The place was not fixed, and he had been obliged to do the

HONOUR said defendant was not charged for work. When did plaintiff leave off working? Defendant said he left off about six weeks ago.

HONOUR asked defendant if he had got any value for the work for him.

Defendant replied that he had, but he had not hit the person or persons forward that day.

Moffatt, re-called, said he was at defendant's on the 3rd or 4th of March, and the pointing out off then.

Defendant also re-called, and in answer to his

Mr. HENOCK found the plaintiff for £11.
MIDDLEBRO FITTER AND HIS

English, one of the plaintiffs, said the goods supplied to defendant's wife.

ty to him. She left him in 1877, and since had been in a lunatic asylum at York. On occasions she had summoned him before the magistry at Middlesbrough, and claimed a separate maintenance, but the case was dismissed both times. Before the debt was contracted it was agreed between them that she was to take the furniture to Consett, to her mother's house, and he was to follow her.

He was unable to get a job at Consett, however, and he had written to his wife asking her to go to Middlesbrough, but she took no notice of his letter. The debt, he said, was contracted after the picture was removed to Consett.

Mr. English said Mrs. Atkinson informed them she had returned to Consett for the benefit of her health. She had been in the habit of dealing

At the same time she got the articles for which they were suing, she asked them to send the bill to her and, who would, she said, remit the money in a day. At Mrs. Atkinson's request they sent her husband's address on the envelope enclosing the bill.

Mr. English said he had a letter in his possession, written by defendant, in which the latter acknowledged his liabilities.

The letter was produced and read by his Honour. The writer said he and his wife were not living together at the time the goods were bought, and he thought plaintiffs were to blame for letting her have them. The only way he could pay for the goods, he added, was by making monthly payments.

The defendant said when he wrote that letter he

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PROTECTION TO GERMAN INDUSTRY.

A curious story (the *State* remarks come from the *Washington Post*) is told of the way in which it was noticed that a certain German ironworks—the Hohenzollern—tendered rails for the supply of the Dutch State railways at £10 per 1,000 kilos, being the lowest price offered. The Dutch Government, however, refused to accept the Prussian *Maschinen- und Hütten* railway, foreign tenders being excluded in that way by Ministers. The *Post* says that the Dutch Government's decision seems that four other works tendered for the Prussian rail contract at the same time, and by an arrangement the five tenders were opened and examined together, and that the Hohenzollern's was the only one that was the cheapest. It is, the Dutch tender, rare, or it could be, that the Dutch Government should have been so kind for the German iron trade; if it could not be, political wisdom which would prompt the Prussian Ministry to pay a high price for its own rails in order to protect its own industry, would have been equally strong in Germany at a cheap rate seems painfully at fault.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL DISPUTE IN
VICTORIA.

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THE RICHMOND MURDER.

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FERMENTS IN FLOWERS AND FRUIT.

According to E. Flomden, during the flowering plant stage we observe an elevation of temperature accompanied by a disengagement of carbonic acid which has certain affinity to my that at this period the animal is in the process of metamorphosis. In fact, at this period the engur starts in the plant undergoes alcoholic fermentation and produces alcohol, carbonic acid, and water, where the heat needed for procreation. When the egg-cell, an apple or pear - has reached maturity after being detached from the tree is placed in water, and the water is found to be warm. The water proves that a development of carbonic acid taking place. If the fruit which has thus been detached in the absence of air is submerged in water, the water becomes warm. Alcohol may be used, as shown by M.M. Leachartier and Bellamy their resources on the ripening of fruits. Even in the case of the apple, the fruit, when it is picked, during all the course of their existence, alcohol is formed, the combination of which serves to warm the fruit.

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EXTRAORDINARY CHARGES AGAINST

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soner. The case for the prosecution was conducted by the Deputy Judge Advocate, Major Postema.

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A collection is being made under the auspices of D

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Salford has ordered that the bodies of the 100,000, which have been killed with water, be buried in the mouth of the Mersey at the cost of the Government. The bodies of the 100,000, which have been killed with water, be buried in the mouth of the Mersey at the cost of the Government. The bodies of the 100,000, which have been killed with water, be buried in the mouth of the Mersey at the cost of the Government.

A large meeting of textile manufacturers, held at Huddersfield, it was resolved to mem

the Government to bring in a measure enabling hours per week to be worked in factories, as before the Factory Act of 1874. The great competition of foreign manufacturers was alleged as the reason for the change, which would not be prejudicial to health.

A few of the salmon caught in the Tweed still show the appearance of being effected by fungus. Herring growth has been introduced into the river is a mystery, but by some it is attributed to the pollution of the river. It is worthy of notice that diseased fish have been got in fresh water, no diseased specimens having been obtained on the sea coast.

Some interesting evidence has been given at the Southwark Police Court, in the case of Thomas Henry Cox, late accountant of the London Tramways Company, who was charged with stealing the money of the workmen. The witness was a man of the name of

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Ottawa, May 4.—An order in Council has

Mr. Ulemas having protested against E preponderance in the projected Council of S scheme may be considered as abandoned.

Mr. Rivers Wilson, after having had a audience of the Khedive, has started on his to England.

The Rousseian frontier question has been tically solved by the unanimous agreement Commissioners.

The fund for erecting a statue to Burne,

It is announced that an International E.

There were two slight earthquakes at Rome Sunday morning, and one at Bologna.

Lord Duns, Under Secretary of State for War, has been received into the Roman Catholic Church.

The report that Mr. Roberts has resigned his office of Remembrancer to the City of London has been contradicted.

We (*B's*) understand that both the Theatre and the Prince's Theatre, Manchester, are

The annual Congress of the Social Science Association, to be held at Manchester, is fixed place from the 1st to 8th of October.

The fund being raised by the Mayor of Exeter for the relief of the destitute shareholders of the England Bank now amounts to £8,000.

A national exhibition of ecclesiastical, secular, and decorative art will be held, un-

The memorial stone of a new Congregational church, dedicated to the memory of the poet who was so intimately connected with Olney, has been laid at that place.

Under the presidency of Mr. Mundella, M.P., the first of a series of a conference convened by the Charity Organisation Society has been held at the Albert Hall, London.

William Richard Phillips has been charged with conspiracy to defraud and is remanded at the Guildhall Police Court, London.

stealing from his employers, Messrs. Pontif Wood, engineers, the sum of £303.10s. He was committed for trial.

Signor Zorrilla, the Spanish ex-Minister, more than once been refused permission to re-enter France, has now been informed that the prohibition is withdrawn.

A wooden box, containing an infant's

been found at the Bangor reservoir. The

It is not improbable that the present girl will witness some strange changes in female gear. A rumour comes from Paris that poke are coming into fashion again, and if this surely the admirers of the old Welsh sugar-may take offence.

The Mayor of St. Helens has agreed to the

of a memorial asking him to call a public meeting for the purpose of obtaining the opinion of the ratepayers of the town as to the advisability of petitioning Parliament for one of the seats in the House of Commons now at its disposal.

Appeal has been made in the Court of Appeal by the plaintiff in the libel action, Myers v. Peck, from a judgment of Baron Cleasby, who had

to certify for costs on the occasion of a verdict
been given for the plaintiff for one farthing d

An inquest has been held at Lincoln up body of Edward Griffin Moses, who committed by cutting his throat most deliberately. He severed his head from his body, and then he a bucket, which he had placed on the low the purpose. Verdict, "Suicide whilst ter insane."

The inquest upon Mrs. Howitt, who was

when attempting to get into a train at the Railway Station, Nottingham, has been held as it appeared that the accident occurred through the deceased's wilfulness in persisting in getting into the carriage, a verdict of accidental death returned.

At the Deddington Petty Sessions, a woman named Heritage, in the employ of Mr. Hall, the

tenham, has been charged with maliciously da-
eight horses belonging to his master, by cuttin-

Mrs. Juliet Traint, wife of a solicitor, of Cambridge, has been committed by the borough magistrates at the Assizes for alleged libel in publishing

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Business Announcements

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 "GUARDIAN" OFFICE,
 FRONT STREET, CONSETT
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 moderate prices, and respectfully solicits the patronage
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 which have gained for themselves so high a reputation,
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Id	Mr Wm. Allison, newagent.
Id	Mr Barlow, newagent.
Id	Mr J'vn Dodd, stationmaster.
Id Colliery	Mr W Thompson, newagent.

