

and drew out more response than you could have believed. Its more tangible result was the present of a five pound note, to help towards the big supper which always followed the match.

Arundel, the parting guest, had to be sped off, of course—and St. Osyth's couldn't help being rather glad that it had to catch an early train, because its presence naturally acted as a check on one's more exuberant expressions of satisfaction. So that Hythe had his hands full. But all the same he managed to get in quite a long conversation with Ayscough's father, which that youth observed from afar off, with a fearful joy.

He discovered what it was about, though, when, Arundel finally sped, the Captain had retired to his study, to do a change and Nugent had come after him, to ask him to help him to expend the general's munificent offering to the best advantage.

"Now off it, Coughdrop!" said the Captain to that all-important person. "I'm able to change my shirt without your seeing me through with it, though you mightn't think it! Besides, I shall get enough of you, in all conscience, in the holidays."

"How's that?" said Nugent, while it being the first Ayscough had heard of it, he not unnaturally pricked up his ears.

"Oh, he's going on a jaunt with me