

be near enough to help me finish the work, if necessary."

"A stratagem for our purpose could not have been better devised," said Bolingbrooke.

"Nor could there be a place better suited for a deed of the kind," said the official champion. "Indeed," added he, "I think we had better try to make one of the master and servant."

"God save the King, and death to his enemies," cried Whitten, but Bolingbrooke in reply to Mustface said:—"I think it would be prudent to leave Wilcox for another day." Then addressing Wilcox he desired him to set the time for the murderous enterprise.

"Eight o'clock this night, your worship," said the carman promptly, and the Justice directing Whitten to release the gaoler from his imprisonment, signified to the hirelings that he should expect to see them at his office immediately after the execution of the plot, and they retired.

ERRATA.

The following is the principal error that escaped correction in the revision of proof:

Page 20—9th line—for "*claims*," should be "*charms*."