



THE YELLOW STEEPLE.

Photo. by R. WELCH, BELFAST.

The Yellow Steeple, Trim, probably dates from 1449-50, when Richard, Duke of York, held his court here. He is known to have been a great benefactor to St. Mary's Abbey, of which the tower formed a portion. Its architectural peculiarities clearly point to about the middle of the 15th century. It is said to have been battered and left in its present ruinous state by Cromwell, or one of his officers. In his early boyish days the future Duke of Wellington spent much time in Trim and its neighborhood. It is reported of him that upon one occasion, when bird-nesting, he climbed the shattered wall upon one side of this tower to a considerable height. It was easy enough to ascend, but the lad found it impossible to descend in safety. Never despairing, he contrived to pack several of the captured eggs in his cap, which he let fall to the ground. Then, after saying a prayer, he commenced a return to *terra firma*, accomplishing the feat in safety, but with considerable risk and difficulty. A lofty column has been erected in Trim in honor of the Duke of Wellington.

Circumstantial Evidence.

Not long ago a man was charged at a provincial court with trespassing and also with shooting a number of pigeons, the property of a local farmer. In giving his evidence the farmer was exceedingly careful, even nervous, and the solicitor for the defence endeavored to frighten him. "Now," he remarked, sternly, "remember you're on oath! Are you prepared to swear that this man shot your pigeons?" "I didn't say he did shoot 'em," was the reply. "I said I suspected him o' doin' it." "Ah! Now we're coming to it. What made you

suspect the man?" "Weel, firstly, I caught him on the land wi' a gun. Secondly, I'd heard a gun off an' had seen some pigeons fall. Thirdly, I found four o' my pigeons in his pocket—an' I don't think them birds flew into his pocket an' committed suicide for the fun of the thing."

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HE—"There is one woman in the world who can thank me for rendering her happy for life."

SHE—"Why, I didn't know you were married."

HE—"I'm not; I broke the engagement."

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