



CHAPTER V.

FINIS CORONAT OPUS.

THE shore-end of the new cable was carried by a powerful two-thousand-ton ship, the *William Corry*, which arrived off Valentia Harbour on the morning of Saturday, July 7th, and immediately began to lay it. This shore-end was of huge size, weighing twenty tons to the mile, and was to be brought off on a bridge of boats reaching from the ship to the foot of the cliff. For this purpose all the fishing-boats along the coast were hired, and H.M.S. *Racoon* sent up her boats to help; so that, when arrayed in line, there were forty of them, forming a very fine and extensive pontoon. All worked well, and by one o'clock the cable was landed, and the *William Corry* slowly stood out to sea, keeping westward, until she had laid the entire length of thirty miles which she had on board.