

EXTENSIVE ROBBERY BY A RAILWAY CLERK.—
Yesterday, at the West Riding Police-court, Dewsbury, Thomas Kilner Harpin, the son of a Bristfield farmer, and booking-clerk in the employ of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company at Mirfield station, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing eight silver lever watches, a number of silver thimbles, and several silver pencil-cases. Mr. Ibberson appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. T. L. Chadwick for the defence.—On the 19th of November a firm of Birmingham jewellers sent a number of silver thimbles and pencil-cases to a Mr. Thompson, of Huddersfield, by the Midland Railway. The prisoner gained possession of the thimbles, and disposed of some of them; one he gave to his mother, and another to his sweetheart, besides other persons. On December 28th Mrs. Heslop, of Huddersfield, sent a parcel containing eight watches to a person at Barnsley, but they did not reach that place. Certain information came to the knowledge of the station-master at Mirfield, and he caused the prisoner to be apprehended.—The Bench committed the accused to the Wakefield House of Correction for six months.