

FENIAN WEAPONS, SEIZED AT CORK.

THE Engraving on this page represents several weapons belonging to the Fenian conspirators, which were discovered by the police, a fortnight ago, in a blacksmith's shop at Cork. The police having got information that arms were concealed in a forge kept by a smith named Hegarty, in Hobb-lane, St. Finn Bane's, Sub-Inspector Hamilton, Captain Tooker, and a sub-constable, went there on Saturday evening, the 16th inst., and, after a careful and deliberate search, discovered under the hearthstone a recess in the ground, wherein were two pikes and a ring-locked bayonet. The pikes are of a quite modern pattern. The hatchet—the accompaniment of the old weapon—is entirely dispensed with, and also the hook, leaving the new instrument a long narrow blade, somewhat like a short sword

The pike is about 18in. in length, and screws on to a socket, which makes it 2 ft. long. The barb-pointed, horizontal spike across one of the pikes is intended to catch the bridles of cavalry. They are exceedingly well executed articles for a common smith. The bayonet is evidently not by the same maker, but it is of modern design. The other bayonet, No. 4 in our illustration, is one which was seized in 1848, and differs, as will be seen, from those lately made.

By the Lord Lieutenant's proclamation, issued on the 16th inst., under the Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, of 1856, "it shall not be lawful for any person (except Justices of the Peace, or persons in her Majesty's service, or special constables, or persons licensed to kill game) to carry or have, except in his or her own dwelling-house, any firearm, or any part thereof, or any sword, cutlass, pike, or bayonet, or any ammunition; and any person violating these provisions shall be liable, on conviction, to be imprisoned for any period not exceeding two years." All such articles are to be given up to the police, who may, under a legal warrant, enter any house to search for them. It is believed that a quantity of arms has lately been imported from America.

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