Selwyn, how little you knew they were for the 'captain's wife and son,'" and Charlie laughed aloud at how she had been taken in.

Hannah was stung to fury by Charlie's laugh, and the jeering tone in which he spoke, but unfortunately it was against the innocent Robert her wrath was directed.

"For them was it?" said she, bitterly. "I have been nicely cajoled. Master did not say who they were for, but of course I thought they were for the Selwyns when I took them there, a pack of deceivers together, young and old, hiding it from me that they were smuggling a young thief into the house. Why, we are not safe in our beds, he may let in his gang any night and murder us. I thought it was'nt for nothing my gentleman got up so early in the mornings, no doubt he has been making away with the things, though I did'nt miss them, but wait until I do," she added shaking her clenched hand, "just wait, you Robert, until I miss an atom, and see if I don't pay you out for the way you have tricked me."

At this moment there was a ring at the