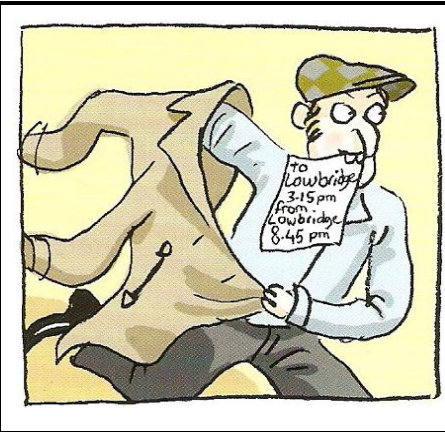




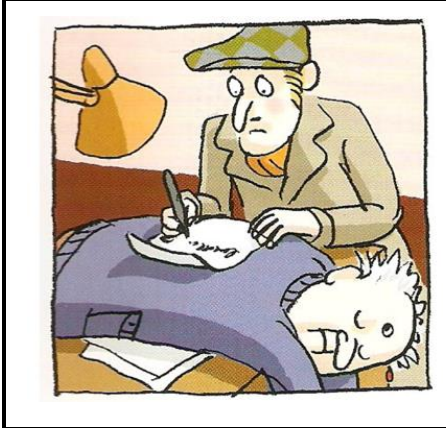
On Thursday morning James Trudd received a note from his Uncle Tobias. It said: "I didn't want you to marry Helen Reed! You will not get any of my money now. I shall speak to my lawyer about this on Friday."



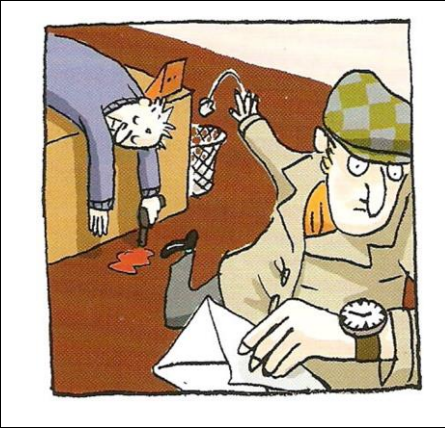
James decided to kill his uncle immediately, before he could speak to his lawyer. James looked up trains to and from Lowbridge, where Uncle Tobias lived, and set out on his journey.



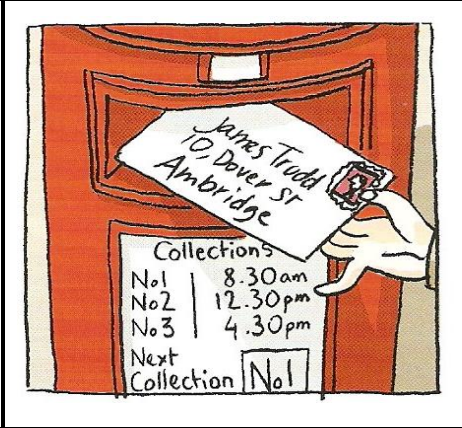
Soon after he reached the house in Lowbridge, James shot his uncle through the head. For the next three hours he searched his uncle's desk and read every letter in it. There was none to the lawyer.



James then took his uncle's pen and wrote a letter, which said: « Dear James, I do not want to live any longer. I have decided to kill myself. I'm sorry. Your Uncle Tobias." He put the letter in an envelope and addressed it to himself.



James put his gun into his uncle's hand. He dropped the note of the train timetable in the bin. Then he left the house.



Before catching the 8.45 train back to his home, James posted the letter to himself in Lowbridge.