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"It must be rather distressing to royalty to see the small value set upon the gifts which it is to the habit of distributing among its favorites," remarked a diamond merchant recently, being interested into cards in a most public and open manner, without the slightest delicacy or reserve.
The Duke of Edinburgh auction held at London, there was a notable gathering of connoisseurs and greedy collectors, who had come to bid for the magnificent collection of valuable watches, most of which had been presented to him by the various Courts of Europe, as a token of friendship and regard.
It is not for the other day that a member of the Russian royal family was sold for the paltry sum of forty-five pounds, who were put up at auction in London. They had been presented by her majesty and her husband to the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion on which their last visited the country.
The history of one of the great powwowers at Berlin were also brought to the hammer, and a splendid