

BRITAIN CHALLENGES WATCH MARKET.

Timepieces old and new - and some so new they're still being made - are on show at Goldsmith's Hall in an exhibition of Five Centuries of British Timekeeping.

King Henry the Eighth gave this handsome clock to Ann Boleyn as a wedding present. This one belonged to the Emperor of China.

Old and new, they all British made - including this chronometer which belonged to Captain Bligh of the "Bounty". For us in the family car, this is quite big enough. And it has to be even smaller if you prefer to wear it this way. Only snag is, you need a mirror to tell the time.

If you've got £800 to spare, how about this - the most expensive in the show? If you haven't - don't get any ideas!

Most of us expect church clocks to be massive affairs - but these modern examples are just one more proof that in clockmaking, as in other things, British craftsmanship is a challenge to the markets of the world.