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the Company before consuming the Gas supplied by the
said Company. In default thereof, upon proof of the
use of the Gas, without first obtaining such leave, each
Person or Persons will be Prosecuted as the Law directs.
The Secretary can be seen daily at the Company's
Office, Shotley Bridge, to whom all applications must be
made.

By order of the Directors,
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.

Shotley Bridge, October 9, 1870.

**JOHN W. DAVISON,
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we are told, can only flourish when they are

In other words, *seres* are plants. A sandy soil will only grow *grasses*; *banes*, on the other hand, grow best in clayey ground. There is common sense in the theory of *grasses* and *banes*. It is far more politic, and in the end, more truly philosophical, than that poetical ultra-patriotic theory of *Vernon Hesse* and his school that Paris was the Queen of Cities, France the centre of the Universe, and the Republic the perfection of human wisdom. The difference between the M. GACHETTA of to-day

vents the growth in political intelligence made by France. She has, in fine, scourged her liberties because she has learned the lesson of respecting other nations. It is the one solid guarantee for the tranquillity of Europe which we can point to as the result of the Senatorial vote of last week. "Opportunism" is a French word, but the spirit is essentially that of English political life, and as France has changed

constitution ideas from us we cannot but reason that she has gone on to learn her lesson thoroughly, and has linked liberty with order in a way which augurs well for her security in the future.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

Lord Derby's visit to Rochdale has set in motion a number of rumours as to possible combinations of Liberal-Conservatives and Conservative-Liberals in the Ministry of the future. Another eight or nine months' will probably see an end of the Beaconsfield-Sainsbury Ministry, and already it is as good as settled in Club circles that the Queen will send for Lord Granville, and the old Whig will be given a chance of again trying their hand with a Ministry of the governing families, assisted by a few Radicals and a little gangway. But what will the Achilleid of Liberator say to this arrangement? Will he seek in his tent, or will he turn out and lend a hand, in the way that Gambetta is doing, as Lord of Minister without a portfolio? Who

The Conservative working man is about to demonstrate the fact of his existence by presenting Lord Beaconsfield with a crown of gold laurel leaves, no subscription to exceed one penny, and each several leaf to be contributed by a separate

on heartily sick of hearing of these presentations. The Premier's illness, though exaggerated, has given rise to serious alarm. He has had the opportunity of reading what almost amounted to an obituary notice in several of the papers. The *Telegraph*, of course, was not one of them.

noticed that some of the journals most bitterly hostile to his policy adopted, for the nonce a charitable and even kindly tone in the momentary apprehension of his decease. He has never been a

be in a consumption. At seventy-four he cannot expect to be very robust, but the hardy old Premier is an excellent example of the power of the will. The strikes of the Midland railway guards is not so adjusted, and even if victory rests, as it probably will, with the directors, it is far from certain that they have carried the public with them. The countrymen are not so easily deceived. The impression is that they have not yet abandoned the track of a demand for a general reduction all round. From the Secretary, with their thousands a year, down the junior clerk with his modest pound a week, there will be a general docking of salaries, and the directors may find it will satisfy the public. The directors may prefer to let out their own little economies as an example, but they have to let up. An economical spirit is not likely to be easy to up.

Strikes are so general—at Liverpool the coach-drivers are out; at Middlebrough the iron-rollers and rollers where in places two thousands are mentioned, that it is not at all certain that there is a general feeling through the country that there is to be a general reduction of wages, and neither masters nor men know how to settle it in any other

lock-out. With regard to the strike of the Midland guards, now nearly over, its intensity arose from the fact that it was understood that the Midland was acting as the pioneer of the rest. As soon they have succeeded, there will be a general action in the rate of wages among railway officials all over the kingdom. Hence the determination on both sides not to give way. It has ended, however, as all foresaw it must, and now that it is

way Boards say they have had to reduce their
for the carriage of goods, and probably there
some reason in this.

The London coal merchants are seizing the pretext
the Midland strike to raise price of coal 1s. per
Everyone knows the pretext to be an idle one.
a matter of fact, compared with the other lines
with the sea route, little coal comes into the
ropolis by the Midland. The fact is that coal

the merchants think that the householders are not inclined to grumble at a little imposition if an excuse can be found for it. The trade is serious for its sharp practice. There is a little change I know of which only possesses one coal merchant. This gentleman professes to be unable to obtain a sufficient supply from the pits on account of the frost, and, therefore, supplies his customers with wood, the fact being that he has

time past, and thinks the present a favourable opportunity for getting rid of it. There is clearly a fair prospect of competition in the neighbourhood. The black frost has followed quickly on the heels of the white, and bids fair to last us long. Now is

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This image shows a blank, aged, cream-colored page, likely an endpaper or flyleaf from an old book. The paper has a slightly textured appearance with some minor discoloration and faint horizontal lines, possibly from the binding or scanning process. There is no text or other markings on the page.

A black and white photograph showing a vertical crack in a concrete wall. The crack is located near the top of the frame and extends downwards. The concrete surface is rough and textured.

