riations dont le type de chaque espèce est susceptible, et en tire des produits que les espèces, livrées à elles-mêmes n'auraient jamais donné.'[19] That is to say, that there is a latent power of variation in each species. The study of domestic productions, therefore, shows to what extent this may be developed, and therefore has a very important bearing on the origin of species.

It is undoubtedly true that in nature the pronounced variations visibly under domestication are absent; but, on the other hand, it is equally true that there is no sudden change of external conditions to produce them. The breed is frequently of equal classificatory value with the species, as, for instance, in the case of pigeons, cattle and the like. The [illegible] of breeding does not even afford a [illegible] definition; for, on the one hand [illegible] to breed [illegible] some English [illegible] tors; [illegible] other hand, in the vegetable world some species, such as [illegible] Salix, Saxifraga, are even admitted [illegible] næus to be capable of [illegible] therefore a parallel between [illegible] cies, and it may be fairly [illegible] that the one is the product of the [illegible] ficial selection on [illegible] and variation the other may have been [illegible] by the operation of natural selection on the same principles.

There is another point of view from which the mutability of species may be examined. All the varied forms of life in the world around us are exactly adapted to the existing conditions, [illegible] other remain unchanged, or change so slowly as to escape notice. An appeal to the earth's crust shows that the latter have [illegible] ing; continents have been elevated [illegible] pressed, climates altered, at one time the sea has encroached on the land at another the land on the sea.

> 'There rolls the deep where grew the tree.
> Oh, earth! what changes hast thou seen!
> There where the long street roars hath been,
> The stillness of the central sea.'

With each change of circumstance there is full geological proof that there has been a corresponding modification in the animal and vegetable world, so that the harmony between life and its surroundings has always been maintained. The common red deer, for instance, at the time when Ireland formed part of the mainland of Europe, during the Post-glacial epoch, in consequence of the large extent of its feeding-grounds, grew to an enormous size, and possessed antlers so much larger than those now borne by the English varieties, that Professor Owen did not hesitate to ascribe it to a distinct species* (*Strongyloceros spelæus*). In prehistoric times, after the insulation of Britain and the consequent submergence of the low-lying districts, the restricted range became manifested in its diminished size; but even then it was far superior to any now living in Great Britain, for the cultivated lands [illegible] but cases in one large [illegible] From that time down to the present [illegible] ing smaller exactly [illegible] to the restriction of its [illegible] difference in the size of the antlers [illegible] ed, that it would be possible to ascertain approximately [illegible] antiquity of a deposit in which they might be found from that fact alone. There is also another cause of its reduction in size. During post-glacial times men were few, and the lion and hyæna preyed only on the weakest and less active; while in the prehistoric [illegible] increased and multiplied to such a degree that [illegible] de an impression on the [illegible] ls, and, as far as he could, selected the largest and finest for his prey. At the present day in Scotland, it is steadily decreasing in size, because the largest bucks are invariably shot off. In this case there is a direct correlation between the size of [illegible] and its environment, from the Post-glacial epoch down to the present day. If we deny that changes in conditions operate on the latent power of adaptation is [illegible] to the [illegible] of new groups of [illegible] we must fall back upon [illegible] that the latter have been created [illegible] me in harmony with the existing conditions from the very beginning of [illegible] If this be true, how can we account for the destructions of old forms of life? The cataclysms and convulsions of [illegible] formerly invoked to the aid of the special creation theory, have now been banished from the schools of philosophic geology. A sudden destruction, overtaking [illegible] of a fauna or flora, is unknown in the past history of the world. The horse, [illegible] *Equus fossilis*, for instance, that inhabited France, Germany, Italy, and Britain, escaped the destruction brought upon [illegible] by the lowering of the temperature and the consequent invasion of the musk sheep and other Arctic mammalia. Their survival can only be accounted for on the hypothesis that their elasticity of [illegible] adapted them to the new order of things; while certain species of rhinoceros and elephant, and many species of deer, be-

* Discours sur les Révolutions, Oss. Foss. tom. i. p. 61. 4to. 1825.

* Brit. Foss. Mammals.

ART. VI.—*L'Église Romaine et le Premier Empire*, 1800–1814. *Avec Notes, Correspondance diplomatique et Pièces justificatives entièrement inédites.* Par [illegible] HAUSSONVILLE. 2 vols.

THOUGH the contest of Napo[illegible] Papacy is thrown into the [illegible] glare and splendour of battle fie[illegible] tary glory which fill the 'Hist[illegible] Consulate and Empire,' it merits [illegible] attention which the writer of these [illegible] has given to the subject; and the [illegible] since his diligent research has enabl[illegible] to elucidate the character of the strug[illegible] the testimony of a great quantity of [illegible] unexamined documents. The [illegible] negotiation of the Napoleonic [illegible] forms the prelude to this eve[illegible] M. Thiers, in a note in his 'H[illegible] Consulate and Empire,' had alr[illegible] ed that no negotiation offered a m[illegible] subject for political study than th[illegible] Concordat, and he notified t[illegible] existence of a large body [illegible] in the French archives [illegible] reveal details hitherto [illegible] even to those best [illegible] history of the Emp[illegible] has not only inco[illegible] has published in [illegible] of this correspond[illegible] is found to justify [illegible] M. d'Haussonville [illegible] the precision and truth[illegible] by the author of the [illegible] and Empire. [illegible] for two writers [illegible] preciation [illegible] nator in this [illegible] regarded by the [illegible] fied praise, and by [illegible] deemed censure [illegible] here, as in most [illegible] the two extrem[illegible] overlooked [illegible] highly discredit[illegible] tors; whereas [illegible] siderable art [illegible] a single point [illegible] gotiators of the [illegible] of the violence [illegible] It is true that, [illegible] dispute, Napoleon brought [illegible] terms by [illegible] language in [illegible] timorous hesi[illegible] of the aged Car[illegible] be overcome in any [illegible] till after the Concordat, [illegible] sequent disputes of Napoleon [illegible] that the pride and arrogance of the despot became inflated to immeasurable limits by an astounding career of new victories, and dictated a system of usurpation devoid of all respect for justice or principle. Nevertheless, although his design of reduc[illegible] the Papacy to a mere state of vassalage [illegible] his empire was probably only a subse[illegible] conception, yet there can be no doubt [illegible] from the first he regarded the re-est[illegible] lishment of the Catholic Church as a po[illegible] measure, with the view of rendering [illegible] religious institutions of France as power[illegible] engines as possible for the subjugation [illegible] people.

[illegible] conclave held at Venice in the Isola [illegible] on the death of Pius VI. open[illegible] ing disposition to choose a Pope [illegible] should be received with favour [illegible] of Vienna. A deceitful in[illegible], of the Austrian representa[illegible] the choice of a Pope for nearly [illegible] during which time the politi[illegible] pe was completely changed [illegible] appearance of Napoleon [illegible] in France. It ended, [illegible] have ended, in electing [illegible] at of at its commence[illegible] Cardinal Chiaramonti was [illegible] 14th of March, 1800. [illegible] thus elected was one of [illegible] prelates who have ever [illegible] of St. Peter. If he was [illegible] he certainly possessed a [illegible] of spiritual and moral qualities [illegible] genius, and certainly more benefi[illegible] all the sovereigns of [illegible] only one who can [illegible] Napoleon, and [illegible] VII. [illegible] benevolence, humil[illegible] of evangelic sweet[illegible] antagonist was a man of [illegible] Carthaginian force of will, [illegible] thoroughly the [illegible] ary Pontiff, it must [illegible] and not, like his pre[illegible] VI. by [illegible] aversion to [illegible] time; on the con[illegible] large [illegible] with the phil[illegible] leading spirits of [illegible] Revolutionary [illegible], and believed that [illegible] new [illegible] would, in spite of the [illegible] and [illegible] which accompa[illegible] ultimately beneficial to the [illegible] material interests of hu[illegible] principles of [illegible] irreconcilable [illegible] Papacy of Rome [illegible] of the world. These [illegible] Pius VII. expressed in a very [illegible] remarkable [illegible] the most significant [illegible] document, so far as study of himself is con-

the holiest starfish

by Thomas Michael Cassidy

once upon a time there was a star fish on a beach with lots of starfish

and the sun was coming up and the tide was going out

and the little starfish prayed dear God at last today I'm finally

up the beach so high this husk will dry in sunlight and I'll die

at last be free and back inside the sacred orbiting sea

dear God save me from any who might yank me from this sand

and forgive us our trespasses and let me die today

to hasten my return as a welterweight boxer [illegible] Sigmund

(pause for forgiveness)

I'm a failure because I envy trust and covet you simply because you're not me

I'm a failure because I'm as normal as the sky

I'm a failure because I understand every word you're saying but I don't know what you're talking about

I'm a failure because most of my writing is overwritten

and because haiku infuriates me as if simplicity isn't complicated

as if the water never boils

as if nature doesn't rage

as if poets can be useful when peaceful

I'm a failure because every grade school dropout alive can drive a car

and I can't and when people say that it's a matter of won't and not can't

I'm a failure because I can't – or won't – explain why but I assume you that many of the [illegible] are reasons that should have stopped lots of other people from driving as well you see

survival of the fittest don't just smug science it also mandates a thinning of the ranks

with any and all available skills and tools and SUVs

and yes the guy watching football highlights on his cellphone

is swayed by **natural law** to drive his Mercedes' ass-cushion into a wall

and the gal smoking low fat lipstick while chewing her toenails

is driven by **irrefutable metabolic guidance** into a train

it is efficient for all of us

I'm a failure because you did/didn't think that was funny

I'm a failure because I know you're looking at me reading this and thinking

*what the hell can make someone get up in front of other people and **yell** about haiku!?! ?!* as my Mom would say *there's something wrong with you*

I'm a failure because only a loser would use this [illegible] line formula again

I'm a failure because I cannot finish this poem

AND NOW AT LONG LAST THE NEW PIECE:

the man who owns the dollar store in Southdale

is friendly but seems frightened

maybe of teenagers who come before the movie

to buy cheap candy

pick up the plastic light sabers

and put them down just anywhere

maybe he's afraid of looking Muslim

he has an entire aisle of plastic Jesus Virgin Mary holy candle things

a calendar with Jesus saving that idiot kid flying a kite over Niagara Falls

I'd buy it if he'd build the kid a barrel

a placemat of the Last Supper so you can have *that option* every meal or [illegible]

maybe he's just afraid of this business not working

of not selling enough one dollar hammers

imported from the Philippines land of steel

COME ON KEEP MOVING STOP GAWKING

ANOTHER IDEA TO MAKE LIFE A WEE BIT HAPPIER: LET'S CALL THE ICE AGE THE *NICE* AGE

To a mind so constituted, and views so entertained, the situation, it must be admitted, held out great and, as the result has shown, irresistible temptations. He had sagaciously enough to see that the extension of the suffrage, although democratic, need not necessarily be Whig or Radical. Glad[stone] and Bright might not necessarily history without [illegible] combinations between the Crown and the people, to balance the power of the middle classes. In a party sense he was perfectly right; and the policy was sagacious and wise. But then, he had long thought so; but he would have preached in Opposition to an incredulous audience. It was only when his party had to choose between ejection from office and reluctant assent, that there was any chance that the truth, so long excluded, should find admittance into their darkened understandings.

The country is jealous of conversions so sudden, and so well timed, on the part of their public men; and her statesmen ought to be jealous of them themselves. It may sometimes be difficult even for an honourable man to say when convenience and conviction concur in persuading, whether he had the true merit of his change. But the safe course in individual [illegible] action, is to take care that the gain by the change. If the reason has ever so well satisfied his conscience, though startling in its suddenness, have ever so permanent and profound—these things should never be associated with personal or party advantage. The consciousness of former error, when sincere, will lead to atonement for the past.

But whatever the merits of the Ministry, for the Parliament there was no excuse. Doubtless Mr. Disraeli calculated on the individual effect the proposition would have on the members of the House. Opposition to the Government would become opposition to household suffrage. Government proclaimed day by day that [illegible]

was thrilled on the measure; and the more timid of the body could not face the phantom, for it was nothing more substantial, of appearing to endanger or to reject this wondrous boon, coming though it did from wondrous hands. Other elements also were at work. Every party [illegible] contained [illegible] parties were not [illegible] dulge [illegible]; but when the adverse Greeks came bearing gifts in their hands, there were Trojans, as there were certain to be, with their own reasons for admitting them.

We think that the House should not, after the past history of the question, have gone into the consideration of the [illegible] at all; but should at once have [illegible] just resentment by a vote of want of confidence in the Government which proposed it. Nothing could be more wanton, unsuitable, or disrespectful to the House, than the way in which the suggestions had been made and withdrawn; and the House of Commons should have arrested this scandalous course by its own honour, and censuring those who had trifled with it. In this Session, or the next, a signal opportunity was thrown away; and it never returned.

We have no desire, in the altered position of the party and the country, to go back on the circumstances attending the withdrawal of Mr. Coleridge's proposed instruction to the Committee. [illegible] between household suffrage and a 5*l* [illegible] there was room for a fair difference of opinion. The former sounded the more liberal proposition of the two; and had [illegible] fairly tendered and carried it [illegible] could be said in its favour. We mainly regret the [illegible] by which the result was [illegible] not because they were not [illegible] by some earnest and honest Liberals, but because they gave a [illegible] the Liberal [illegible]ganisation, and afforded [illegible] excuse to the wavering and the [illegible] to aid the enemy under colour of being more advanced than their friends. They had the effect of encouraging for the time individual action, and separate negotiation with the common adversary, instead of loyal [illegible] and concert. Private assurances [illegible] the lobbies were allowed to do duty for public declarations in the [illegible] the constitutional responsibilities of the Government, as well as the united action of the Opposition, were merged in a desultory series of individual treaties outside the walls of Parliament. We trust that a campaign conducted may never again be witnessed. Next to the inconsistencies of the Conservatives and the abdication of their just func-

to us that the primary plan of our ancient constitution [illegible] the [illegible] relations [illegible] the country that we [illegible] matter. It secured our popular rights by entrusting power, not to an indiscriminate multitude, but to the estate, or [illegible] Commons; and a wise Government should be careful that the elements of that [illegible] should bear a due relation to the moral and [illegible] development of the country. Public opinion may, perhaps, be yet ripe enough to legislate on this subject, but it is sufficiently interested in the question to ponder over it with advantage. Be that, when the time comes for action, we may [illegible] the spirit of the English constitution which [illegible] absorb the best of every class, and not fall into democracy, which is the tyranny of one class, and that one the least enlightened.'

Nor can we deny him many great qualifications for a Parliamentary leader, although he has some serious defects. He performed his great act of strategy in 1867 with never-failing tact and ability. A temper, naturally genial, and even when tried, under great command; a vivid sense of the humorous which lurks under his most pompous periods; and a certain inbred scorn, the fruit not unfrequently of early struggles, have made him a very effective general. He is better as a Ministerial than as an Opposition leader, and assumes in that position a vantage ground, a lofty though half comic superiority, which give point to his satiric javelins, and an ease which he seldom attained when on the opposite benches. [illegible] of thought, and daring in expedi[illegible] fought his party battle with [illegible] success which probably no [illegible] have commanded.

That which detracts fro[illegible] and mars their complete effe[illegible] cial air which pervades eve[illegible] efforts. He does not sound i[illegible] when he is so. He plays his pa[illegible] summate address; but it appears to clearl[illegible] to be a part; and he has not yet [illegible] and probably never will reach, th[illegible] strain which touches the inner ch[illegible] pathy and transfo[illegible] speaker [illegible] of this [illegible] but if [illegible] been strangled [illegible] victims have been [illegible] our to [illegible] But [illegible] the [illegible] tem[illegible] the future. He is not likely [illegible] longed tenure of power. [illegible] should have great apprehen[illegible] should,

'Like the unequal ruler of the [illegible]
Misguide the seasons, and mis[illegible]

But now comes the last [illegible] Parliamentary review, which ha[illegible] almost reduced to oblivion [illegible] 1867.

In the debate on Mr. Mag[illegible] Lord Mayo made the Ministerial [illegible] of the proposed policy for Ireland [illegible] a very simple fact, but the Govern[illegible] to have forgotten it. They had p[illegible] policy for Ireland, and Lord M[illegible] speech of four hours, explained wh[illegible]

be; and the House of Commons and the country found no difficulty in comprehending the plain and honest utterances of the new Governor-General of India. He is not given to deal in political enigmas; and speaking for the Cabinet that which the Cabinet had instructed him to speak, he performed his task with a candour and lucidity which has doubtless procured for him his recent distinction. There was the less possibility of mistake in this matter, that the statement not only possessed unusual interest from the crisis at which it was delivered, but also unusual significance from the political situation at the time.

Shortly before, Lord Russell had published a pamphlet on the state of Ireland, in [illegible] which, among other [illegible] suggested, [illegible] and often been [illegible] means- [illegible] of endow[illegible] of the Roman [illegible] olic Church. The astut[illegible] ne Minister, travelli[illegible] too rapidly, im[illegible] he desired th[illegible] Lor[illegible] announ[illegible] that of [illegible] shadowed out [illegible] but [illegible] with a [illegible] that the Government pr[illegible] begin- ning, but certainl[illegible]

Lord Ma[illegible] that, in the [illegible] existing system of Universit[illegible] was not satisfactory. He said:

'[illegible] large number of persons who ob- [illegible] their sons to a university where [illegible] on taught is one that they do [illegible] and there are also many who will [illegible] send [illegible] sons to a college where religious [illegible] form a portion of the [illegible] [illegible] House to consider [illegible] there [illegible] among us who would have the [illegible] to send their sons to universal- [illegible] Roman Catholic religion alone [illegible] where all religious instruction [illegible] omitted? That is the case here, [illegible] been various modes proposed [illegible] these objections.'

He then went on to describe the Government plan [illegible] removing this difficulty:—

'It appears to me, then, that a third university should be founded in Ireland without injuring existing institutions. I believe that what is [illegible] that a university should be established in the country, which would, as far as [illegible] stand in the same relation to the Roman [illegible] population as Trinity College does to the [illegible]. We do not propose to found an [illegible] servile imitation; but we do consider

suites of fossils distinct from each other, in proportion to the length [illegible] interval between the times of [illegible] therefore an unbroke[n] [illegible] not represented in the [illegible] to find a perfect serie[s] [illegible] any one living species [illegible] The evidence therefore [illegible] so far as it goes, [illegible] hypothesis that [illegible] and that all the [illegible] the earth are [illegible] ancestors which [illegible] proportion to the [illegible] conditions. Add[itional] [illegible] same direction [illegible] classification an[d] [illegible] animals which M[r.] Darwin reserves for future work. Wh[ether] [illegible] or not, it must be admitted that he has given a most v[aluable] [illegible] osophical inves[tigation] [illegible] and obscure bran[ches] [illegible] of the day,'* by his careful researches and earnest writings. In all probability the naturalist of the future, while elaborating his principle, will deny to selection the paramount power with which it is invested in his theory of evolution.

Mr. Darwin concludes with an attempt to account for the obscure facts presented by reproduction, heredity, and variation, by the following hypothesis, which is very likely to be true, although it is not capable of direct proof:—

'It is almost universally admitted that cells, or the units of the body, propagate themselves by self-division or proliferation, remaining the same nature, and ultimately becoming converted into the various tissues and substances of the body. But besides this means of increase, I assume that cells, before their conversion into completely passive or "formed material," throw off minute granules or atoms, which circulate throughout the system, and [illegible] like those from which they were derived. These granules, or gemmules, are collected by the reproductive elements, and [illegible] theory is [illegible] gemmules. They are supposed to be transmitted from the parent to the offspring in the germ of the egg, and in the fertilised egg which usually succeeds, but [illegible] often transmitted in a dormant state during many generations, and are then developed. The development is supposed to depend on the union with a partially developed cell or gemmule which has preceded them in the regular course [illegible] . . . Gemmules are supposed to be thrown off by every cell or unit not only during the adult state, but during all the stages of development. Lastly, I assume that the gemmules in their dormant state have a mutual affinity for each other, leading to their aggregation either [illegible] the sexual elements. Hence, [illegible] it is not the reproductive elements [illegible] which generate new organisms, [illegible] cells themselves throughout the body. [illegible] assumptions constitute the provisional hypothesis which I have called Pangenesis.' (Vol. ii. p. 374.)

Similar views to these had already been advanced by Mr. Herbert Spencer in 1863.* The existence of free gemmules, or physiological units as they are called by the latter author, 'is a gratuitous assumption,' but can hardly be considered improbable, since it is universally admitted that cells have the power of multiplication through the self-division of their contents. An atom of small-pox poison inconceivably minute is able to affect the whole blood by self-multiplication. By the same process also, an atom of diseased matter from an animal affected with rinderpest, increases so fast, 'that in a short space of time the whole mass of blood, weighing many pounds,' is affected in the body of a healthy animal. When we remember how long seeds lay dormant in the earth, the idea that these free gemmules may remain dormant in the organism is not so improbable as it appears at first sight. Their minuteness and numbers, [illegible] necessary by the hypothesis, is no stumbling-block to its being accepted. The common *Ascaris lumbricoides*, according to Dr. Carpenter, has been known to contain [illegible] more than sixty-four million ova at one time. The revelations of the microscope prove that size is merely comparative and depending upon our powers of vision. In the case of odoriferous substances, such as musk and assafœtida, [illegible] small atoms may be given off for a long period without appreciably diminishing any visible [illegible] of the substance. The gemmules must [illegible] be diffused throughout the body, and must possess an 'elective affinity' or 'polarity' for the particular cells that precede them in order of development. If we cut off the tail of a lizard, a fresh tail buds forth and passes through all the stages of development until it acquires its perfect form. [illegible] can only be explained by the hypothesis that there exists in the whole body gemmules thrown off by each individual [illegible] capable of assuming [illegible] the place of the old. A common [illegible]yp may be cut to pieces, and each fragment will form a fresh individual. From a scrap of begonia leaf stuck in the ground, a whole plant is capable of being

* Principles of Biology, vol. i.

[illegible] was accepted, [illegible] announcement struck terror [illegible] of the Papal Court, [illegible] knowing that it was [illegible] de Pius VII. to [illegible] *ultimatum*, de- [illegible] plan to save the appearance of [illegible] proposed to the Pope [illegible] was obliged [illegible] Rome, Consalvi [illegible]d accompany him [illegible] carriage [illegible] and proceed from [illegible] to come to a se[illegible]nts. This plan was [illegible] not, however, without great [illegible] the idea still prevailed at Ro[illegible] Paris continued to be a den of fer[illegible] brigands; and the Pope to[illegible] friend and secretary wit[illegible] himself shared the apprehe[illegible] he wrote to the Caval[illegible] M[illegible] ter of Ferdinand, King o[illegible] of religion demands a vict[illegible] the First Consul—*I ma*[illegible] the will of God he accomp[illegible] sage of Consalvi's letter [illegible]ly communicated through the [illegible] at Naples to the First Con[illegible] probably have had some share in [illegible] for Consalvi the reception he me[illegible] Paris.

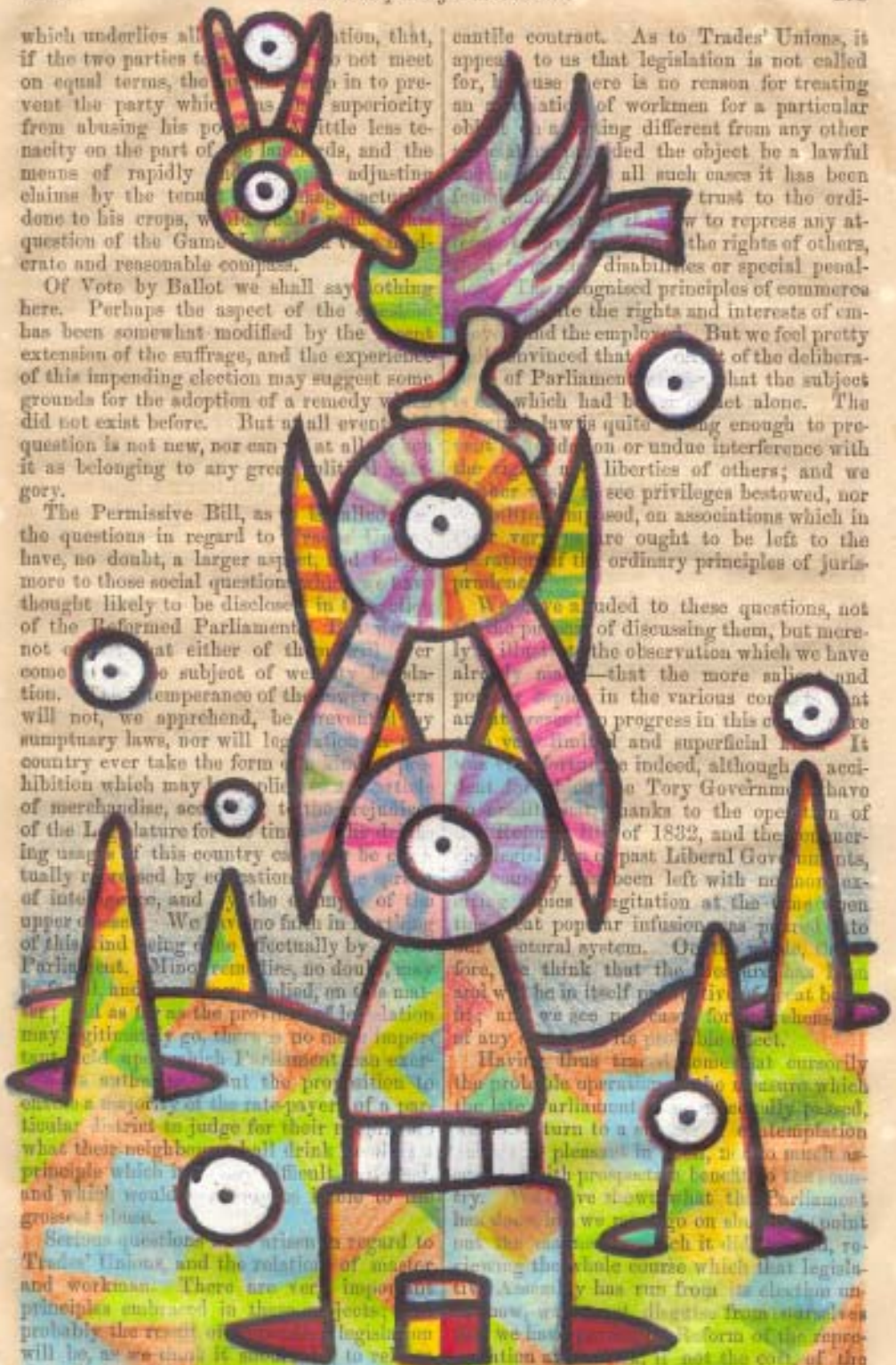
Cardinal Consalvi was a finished [illegible] of the old Roman ecclesiasti[illegible] of manners, combined [illegible] caused them to be c[illegible] swan and half fox,' a mixture [illegible] suavity, diplomatic subtlety, and almost feminine courtesy. In th[illegible] little world [illegible] Roman society Consalvi w[illegible] called the 'siren,' and he was said to be a[illegible] as a perfume. He had undo[illegible] considerable diplomatic and politica[illegible] though there is something o[illegible] self-su[illegible] Memoirs; his habit[illegible] and hi[illegible] qual t[illegible] with [illegible] picion f[illegible] had [illegible] from the [illegible] who, after [illegible] of his great [illegible] by all the Courts of Europe, [illegible] of [illegible] at hospitality [illegible] at Rome.

T[illegible] [illegible] journey; nevertheless, he [illegible] while in the capital [illegible] to show himself [illegible] No ecclesiastic, he tells us, [illegible] to be seen in the street; and the churches were still profaned with inscri[illegible] [illegible] the temporary worship of the [illegible] of Reason: they were dedicated [illegible]ship, to Abundance, to Hymen, to [illegible], to Gardens [illegible], to [illegible] Liberty, and Equality; people still gave to each other the appellation of citizens; and he himself was styled citizen in the course of his journey. He went at once to the Hôtel of Monsignore Spina, where he immediately received the visit of the Abbé Bernier. It was arranged that he should be presented to the First Consul on that very day; and on inquiry as to his costume, he was told, *il devait venir le plus en cardinal possible.*

And here ensued a strange scene of surprise for the Cardinal. He dressed himself for the audience, not in his scarlet dress, but in black, with red stockings, cap, and collar. The master of the ceremonies introduced him to a small apartment on the ground-floor of the pala[illegible] was no noise or sound of [illegible] take the orders of the First Co[illegible] returned immediately, and [illegible] the [illegible] through a side door which opened [illegible] great staircase, into an immense saloon [illegible], people all splendidly attired. [illegible] happened to be a day of [illegible] parade or grand reception at the Tuileries, a circumstance of which the Cardinal was ignorant. Perhaps the trick was not intentional. But Consalvi, just alighted from his journey, full of the excitement of travel, and of his arrival in a strange capital, [illegible]ing upon this unexpected crowd, naturally considered at first that he was the subject [illegible] and proceeded to conduct [illegible] towards another apartment. The Cardinal took breath. He was about surely to be introduced to the private cabinet of the First Consul; but alas! he was shown into another salo[illegible] graver [illegible] appearance than [illegible] he had [illegible]ugh. Three individuals oc[illegible] [illegible]ment place. These were evi[illegible] Consuls, of whom the [illegible] advanced towards [illegible] and had [illegible] of presentation.

'[illegible] de [illegible] France. Je[illegible] [illegible] les [illegible] vous devrez retourner à Rome, [illegible] tends que, quant à moi, j'ai pris mon parti sur une telle hypothèse.'

These were the [illegible] words which Cardinal Consalvi heard from the lips of [illegible] whom M. Consalvi called '[illegible]' '[illegible] tiger,' and [illegible]ceed [illegible] boldness and [illegible]de a [illegible]ciliatory reply, after which, the First Consul, standing as he was before all present, spoke with energy, [illegible], and wonderful precision of language on all the topics in dis-



Meanwhile it must be owned that, apart from the two important topics to which we have referred, the programme is scanty enough. The second-rate performers occupy the stage until the real stars arrive. Primogeniture, and Game, and Vote by Ballot, and the Permissive Bill, are the sort of grievances which this general election has called forth. Happy is the nation which has none more serious. We doubt if any of them will survive the grave and e… times which are at hand.

As to Primogeniture, and wh… the Land Question, we doubt … which there is to redress, strikes … into the community. Entails are … be deprecated because they impo… proprietor, and often ruin the land. But … long as the power of settlement is … abolition of the Law of Primoge… narrowest of narrow ques… right to settle on the elde… matters little to the co… comes of the Law of Pri…

There are indeed tho… see the land much mo… is, and … this re… such … justi… ty on… can … upper and … been ben… of enter… younger … gent e… this m… impover… year by … make th… up th… make … this l… count… chang… entail… sellin… and … let the tra… easy and … let the … grand … a remunera… as compared with other investm… small capitalist will invest in it. If it do… not, on ordinary commercial principles it will belong to those who are rich enough to afford to receive only 2 or 2½ per cent. for their money. No legislation to the contrary can do anything but harm.

The Game Laws are the second grievance upon our list; but the same observation seems to apply to them that is true of the question we have just considered. The great body of the people have but little interest in a controversy which has much more of sentiment than of substance in it. The question of the Game Laws presents itself in two aspects, which are too often confounded. The old doctrine that *feræ naturæ* … to the person who is skilful or fortunate … capture them, has been clung to by … with wonderful tenacity, and … ation of the jealousy of those laws … general community are con… the other view, that the Game … reserve what may be considered as … the destruction of the crops and … ance of the farmer, is a class ques… one deserving no doubt of … and perhaps calling for legis… but one in which the … ple have comparatively … as regards the first … Game Laws are con… tly left out of view … and what … which they … consist, … else … to kill … vision … no take … t laws in … legal trespe… that takes … ursuit of gam… be quite … the social r… ts of the laws are … instances u… tunate, but as re… gards … laws themselves it is difficult to … their existe… at their … would in a… benefit, … the people.

…rd to the fi… namely, the enact… close ti… this is directed … commun…, there can be nothing … unfair or partial … it … If it … were desirable to e… the wild animals … which inhabit this land no doubt it would … desirable to abolish a law which tends to … preservation; but if the existen… … an injury, then the … ir presentative are necessarily free from … question.

… regard to the second topic, the free… … imposed upon the … kill game, it … open … the … thought fit to … same irrespectively of the law, its operation would unquestionably … to make the enjoyment of the right the perquisite of the rich only. But as no one can take game without being upon the land on which the game is, and as no one is entitled by law to be upon the land of another without his

tions by the Ministry, the severest legacy of evil which the expiring Parliament has left the country, is the example it afforded of party disloyalty.

It is not uncommon to hear among unattached Liberals the sentiment that the country will gain more from the principles of the Tories than from the principles of the Whigs. The [illegible] sentiment plainly expressed [illegible] or not, is that the latter will not [illegible] their convictions, the former [illegible] their interest. But surely there never was a [illegible] manner principle of [illegible] more certain to bring about inevitable calamity. These short sighted politicians forget that the [illegible] honesty of public men is the only security this country has for the stability of its great [illegible] of freedom [illegible] may exist to tate the [illegible] machinery of our institutions; but the [illegible] of party allegiance to the [illegible] Britain alive. Once [illegible] the preference for chicanery and [illegible] manly rectitude, [illegible] all the [illegible] of beneficent [illegible] lightened [illegible] be adequate [illegible] them. The prize [illegible] auction, and obtained by the highest bidder would cease to have [illegible] able; and politics would [illegible] what Bolingbroke once called [illegible] tery of stockjobbing.

'I [illegible]' said Mr. Disraeli [illegible] positions.' The phrase [illegible] pompous and [illegible] land does not love [illegible] of principle or [illegible] lous of the character of [illegible] coalition of Fox and North [illegible] political [illegible] what we [illegible] witnessed [illegible] caused [illegible] vided these statesmen [illegible] come [illegible] with the termination of [illegible] American war; but the memory of former animosity was too recent; and Fox felt [illegible] end of his life the effects—unjust in [illegible] but not unwarranted—of this politic [illegible] error. The lesson cannot be too soon or too thoroughly repeated.

The main mistake, however, which the dissentients committed, as well as the most practical evil which has been the result of their action, is the retention [illegible] the puerile and foolish condition of personal payment of rates as part of the electoral qualification. There never was anything more weak and unstatesmanlike than this [illegible], which, dignified by the name of a principle, played for the time the part of a great constitutional question. As between a rental line, and the personal payment of a particular tax, viewed as a test of [illegible] position and intelligence of the elector, [illegible] can be no dispute. If it was [illegible] to qualify household suffrage by [illegible] none could be more reasonable than a rental line, which had not only the [illegible] of tradition, but that [illegible] the Government [illegible] in their proper [illegible] the country [illegible] support it. It was simple and [illegible], and not more unequal than [illegible] general test must be. On the other hand, nothing could possibly be a worse expedient for that purpose than the personal payment of the Poor-rate; and it discloses a fair example of the [illegible] which have been recently substituted for statesmanship, to trace the progress of the preposterous enactment. The original [illegible] between rating and rental had nothing [illegible] element about it. At the time of the [illegible] 1866 personal payment of rates had [illegible] to do with the dispute. The rating [illegible] adopted by the Conservatives [illegible] mode of getting a higher rental; [illegible] equivalent to a 8*l.* 10*s.* rental. [illegible] the Government of Lord Russell having been overthrown on this practical question, Mr. Disraeli thought it necessary to find a [illegible] political principle in the [illegible] of the Poor-rate. To satisfy this [illegible] and [illegible] say, not over-candid [illegible], the new franchise [illegible] an element so foreign [illegible] to produce utter confusion. [illegible] payment of rates [illegible] probably did not [illegible] made the proposal, was the [illegible] would have been [illegible] position of [illegible], indicate its [illegible] system of compounding [illegible] the Poor-law, [illegible] purposes, proved [illegible] inapplicable to the [illegible] man who did not pay in one [illegible] was often of a higher class than the man who did pay in another. But still, the Government having said it, thought it necessary to maintain this futility to the end, even although to accomplish that object they had to take the most stolid step of all, and establish a system of compounding, which had been [illegible] productive of great convenience, in order that the Poor-rate might subserve an object for which it was neither adapted nor intended.

There can be little doubt that the new Parliament will make short and contemptuous work of this cardinal principle. Its operation in England has been inextricable, in Scotland ridiculous. Ireland only has been refused the [illegible]. But the confusion,

vailed considerably longer than they have done, without exciting much either of party difficulty or of public clamour.

But it is far better as it is. The growing power of the excluded class could not be restrained or diminished. It must either have remained an influence increasing day by day outside the Constitution, or be embraced within it. With its growing wealth rapidly acquiring knowledge [illegible] and of the means of using it with effect, and, moreover, it comprehended an intelligent majority of those for whom Governments and Parliaments exist. This was a [illegible] state precisely of that kind out of which social convulsions are wont to spring; which continues fair and tranquil externally until the casual spark explodes the mine. amid this large mass of our fellow-countrymen there were elements of danger, they were dangerous only while outside the Constitution, but are entirely innocuous within it.

It was well to deal with this [illegible] before its solution became the result [illegible] reason, but of menace. In fact, in the most humorous transformations of [illegible] Parliament, and the startling sudden[illegible] this unexpected boon, there has been [illegible] amount of practical advantage. The working-man found himself enfranchised [illegible] least expected it. He not only has not [illegible] torted it, he had hardly asked for it; for Mr. Beales and his mobs were very [illegible] and unimportant movements. It came [illegible] him before he had well prepared himself to receive it; and what between the [illegible] of the measure itself, and the marvellous quarter from which it came, all feelings of triumph have been merged in a placid and gratified surprise.

But, after all, the main ground on which this measure is welcome is the new [illegible] —the fresh infusion—which it has [illegible] to our electoral ranks. It has [illegible] and while it has extended has consolidated established, the foundations of our [illegible] tutional liberty, and given a fresh impulse the popular principle. Doubtless, in many isolated instances it will operate unsatisfactorily. In some—but this will be rare—men of violent opinions and slender [illegible] may find entrance to the House. [illegible] and as we anticipate not [illegible] the lower class of voters will [illegible] the Tories and weakness to the Liberals. It may also be feared that undue influence and corruption, as well as the expense of elections, will in some quarters be increased. But [illegible] are the attendant and characteristic [illegible] constitutional government. We must look to the healthful operation of the popular principle, the enlarged and truer sense of public duty, and the wider influence of an extended public opinion to correct and neutralise them. That wealth, property, ancient lineage, and social position, will have their due influence under the extended franchise we never doubted. They are elements inherent in our social fabric which it is the object of government to maintain, administer, and improve; and under no possible management of the electoral franchise in this country, could their operation be materially diminished.

The results, however, of the new franchise will be found in any change in the character of the representatives sent to Parliament by the [illegible] of the franchise, [illegible] Lord ran two years ago, [illegible] published by themselves; and no [illegible] that the Legislature will gain, not lose, in dignity, weight, and even [illegible] by the change. If, as is [illegible], one or two working-men [illegible] their way there, if they are able [illegible], they will do no discredit to an [illegible] which is essentially a House of [illegible]. Mere demagogues will find their [illegible], as they have always done hitherto; although we do not anticipate that many [illegible] of this class will be returned, a [illegible] mixture of it will only add to the [illegible] of the representation.

[illegible] should be wrong if we did not [illegible] the fact that we have passed rapidly [illegible] very remarkable and important [illegible]. The Reform Act is in some [illegible] revolution; and its main and most [illegible] result will be a change in the habits [illegible], the prevailing incentives, and the [illegible] of action, which will now be brought to bear on political questions. The [illegible] conservative party, bent on outflanking their [illegible], probably did not stop to consider [illegible] many cherished interests they put in [illegible], or what a flood of light they were [illegible] to introduce into many a dark recess. [illegible] will revive in novel shapes, [illegible] hitherto will be canvassed under a [illegible] rigid and exacting [illegible]. Platitudes and commonplaces will [illegible] of the [illegible] and power; and men will [illegible] public institutions and [illegible] to the test, not of pre-[illegible]. Here [illegible] anywhere [illegible] the danger [illegible] here [illegible] will be the [illegible] of the [illegible]. We may expect to have many of our accustomed prejudices rudely handled—to have crude and even violent [illegible] applied to many [illegible]. Inquiry will, no doubt, [illegible] with less reverence for its own sake, and mere novelty will