

taken place in this particular, without reference to any voluntary change in morality whatever. The decree in question entirely abolished the old state of affairs, and ordered the reorganization of the Paris Police upon the plan of that of London. The number of police agents was tripled, and the effect has been a diminution of a third in the number of malefactors.

At the present moment, there is no city in the world, in which the quiet townsman or stranger may stroll about the street at any hour of the night in more perfect safety. On every corner, you are certain to meet one or more policemen; and adventures with highwaymen, in even the meanest and worst quarters of the capital, are entirely out of the question. The operations of robbers are now conducted in broad day light, in the midst of the crowd.

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### STERLING MONEY ORDERS.

The Post Office here has received instructions to begin the new system of sterling money orders on the 1st of June next. Any money order office in Canada may issue money orders on every money office in Great Britain and Ireland. The orders may be drawn from the amount of 1s to £5 stg. No order to be issued for less than 1s., or more than £5 stg. The fees for orders are as follows:—25 cents for any sum over £2 and under £5 stg. Thus, an order for £1 stg. would be made out in this way:—The pound, at the par of Exchange (according to the printed instructions) is \$4.89—add 25 cents and we have \$5.14 for the order. £2 stg., at par \$9.78, at 25 cents, same as in last case, would be \$10.03, the rate being a little cheaper per cent. But for any fraction over £2 stg., 50 cents are added for the order. The new system will be of great convenience to the public. Post masters are to receive  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent for their remuneration.

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### COMMERCIAL VALUE OF ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS,

The London newsmen furnish the *Times* or *Post* on the day of publication for \$5 75 a quarter. For the *Herald* \$6 50 a quarter is charged. The second edition of the London *Times*, *Sun*, *Globe*, or *Standard*, is furnished at \$7 50 a quarter or, or \$30 a year. Copies of the *Times* one day old, are furnished at \$4 a quarter; so that the difference in the cost, in England, between a paper of the latest edition on the day of publication, or the day next succeeding, is equal to the subscription price of the largest commercial newspaper in the United States. A file of the London *Times*, taken in this country costs about \$52 a year, or nearly seventeen cents for each copy of the paper. The English papers are conducted on the cash system exclusively. They have no subscribers, but are furnished to newsmen by the ream, who supply "patrons" in the city and country districts.