

—The political danger in England is greatly enhanced by industrial disturbance which fills all breasts with an anxiety too well founded. It is true that the Strikes are largely the work of professional agitators, such as Mr. Burns, whose trade is industrial war. These men actually constrained a body of artisans to reject an arrangement, the reasonableness and liberality of which they could not deny, because it would prevent them from calling the men out on strike. But the material must be combustible or the match would be applied in vain. The relation between the employers of labour and the labourers is becoming full of danger in all countries, but especially in England, where the industrial disturbance among the artisans is closely connected with their fresh possession of the suffrage and the movement of political revolution. Political reformers in England have failed to observe that universal suffrage is far more perilous in a land of factory operatives and hired labourers than in one of peasant freeholders. The industrial antagonism is sharpened and embittered by social separation which has been enhanced since the mill-owners have altogether ceased to live near their mills and among their men. Nor does any remedy yet appear. The plans for turning the artisan from a mere wage-earner into a partner do not make much way: those cannot share the profit who would not consent to share the loss, nor can the helm of commercial enterprise be confided to the democracy of the Mill. In Mr. Donisthorpe's "Individualism a System of Politics," a book full of ingenious speculation and criticism in a lively form, it is proposed to solve the difficulty by "capitalizing" labour according to a scale which the writer suggests. But capital is a tangible reality; labour is not a tangible reality; the only tangible reality is the labourer; and how can the labourer be capitalized? Meantime, labour journals are daily instilling venom into the heart of the "toiler" and leading him to regard all employers and all above him in wealth as his "spoilers" and his foes.

All these strikes make the case worse not only by the waste which they occasion but by stimulating invention to supply the