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A lecture on the Stop-System, especially

as it bears upon the females engaged in it
delivered at the ceremony in St. James' Hall at Reading, 1852
by Thomas Hughes Esq. Esq. 1852
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This stop system is that, which in every branch of industry is
now in operation, does the work of the laborer, - introducing
poverty - misery - ruin

64 There is a simple statement of the trade arrangements by which
we can see that the greater part of our population's goods here -
in the colonies, 3 out of 4 of all the garments which are sold
in this city are made in London & other great towns under
a system, which has acquired the name of the Stop-System.

65 There are 2 sorts of stop work
(1) that made for the great outfitters or dealers in ready made
clothing sold to them to the general public
(2) that furnished to/ out, as to the Regt. & other great corps for
the soldiers - sailors, the guards & policemen.

The essence of all stop work lies in this that it is done by
contract, the outfitter or other person who wants the work
done offers it for competition - the contractor who undertakes to
do it at the lowest price (to the contract of. he calls in
a set of men called middlemen or speculators, & to one he
gives 100 for another 50 etc. These speculators compete with
each other as to price - by playing them off against
each other the outfitter gets his profit. The speculator takes