

THE NEW CRISIS IN FRANCE.

THE question of the formation of an Upper House, or a Chamber approximating to the House of Lords in England, bids fair to lead to a crisis with the Cabinet of the Duc de Broglie. The Extreme Right, or the followers of the Count de Chambord, oppose the measure, as they oppose anything that looks like the formation of any government but the monarchy. The Extreme Left, or the followers of M. Gambetta, do not regard two houses as republican in spirit, and consequently will make an issue with the government. The result will be that the Cabinet will have to depend upon the support of what is called the Centres, or the moderate men of both parties. If the Bonapartists, who are not very numerous in the Assembly, but very effective, and under the command of M. Rouher, the most skilful parliamentarian in the Assembly, should conclude to oppose the bill, they may succeed in defeating the Cabinet and compel Marshal MacMahon to appoint a new Ministry. France is in such a peculiar situation now that any crisis in the Assembly may lead to a revolution and the downfall of the Septennate. Unfortunately, all parties in France, except the MacMahon supporters, crave a revolution.

THE BRITISH TREATY OF PROTECTORATE.

In the treaty for the establishment of the British protectorate over the Fiji Islands, it is stipulated that Great Britain shall assume all financial liabilities, pay the king \$15,000 per annum, with other pensions to various native chiefs, and recognize the ruling chief as owner of the lands, which are open to settlement by foreigners within a year.

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I would not die in Winter,
When flowers have pass'd away;
But I would sigh my last sigh
In the pleasant month of May!

I would have birds about me,
To sing me into death;
And green trees answering sweetly
To the low gale's gentle breath!

Buds and blossoms should be gleaming
Beneath an azure sky;
With the infant Spring around me,
It is thus that I would die!

With the new-blown rose unfolding,
And the bright-winged butterfly,
All emblems of a fairer world:
It is thus that I would die!

