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Veronica, with a voice tremulous from emotion, sang the well-known miner's song; and, as she sang, the little infant's cry was hushed, the broken harp ceased to vibrate in stammering silence, and the sick man, folding his hands across his breast, and raising his eyes to heaven, he exclaimed: "God be merciful to me, a sinner!"

Veronica ceased herself by his side, spoke to him of pardon and of peace, until at length a ray of hope beamed from the sufferer's eyes. He stretched his wearied limbs, as though seeking that repose which had been so long denied to him and then with a gentle sigh, fell asleep.

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The *Chronicle* thinks no charge should be entertained, or even alluded to, by the Assembly, that is not made by some responsible individual. We quite agree with the *Chronicle*; in this particular, but when we had the whole country crying shame on the disgraceful way in which the public works are conducted, we think, and the *Chronicle* must also think, if it would but acknowledge it, that a searching investigation is necessary to discover how far these charges are true, and we are impressed with the idea that the country owe Mr. Grey a debt of gratitude, for the motion he has laid before the House for a thorough investigation. It has often been the boast of their supporters that the Government court and invite enquiry in all their movements, how now do they shrink from the ordeal? The *Chronicle* says, but it can scarcely expect the intelligent portion of its readers to coincide in that opinion, that the investigation called for, is exposing their officers to insult, for the gratification of private malice. This may be orthodox doctrine with the Smashers, but it must excite us if we do not endorse such opinions. Take an example. We will suppose the proprietors of the *Chronicle* placing in the hands

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