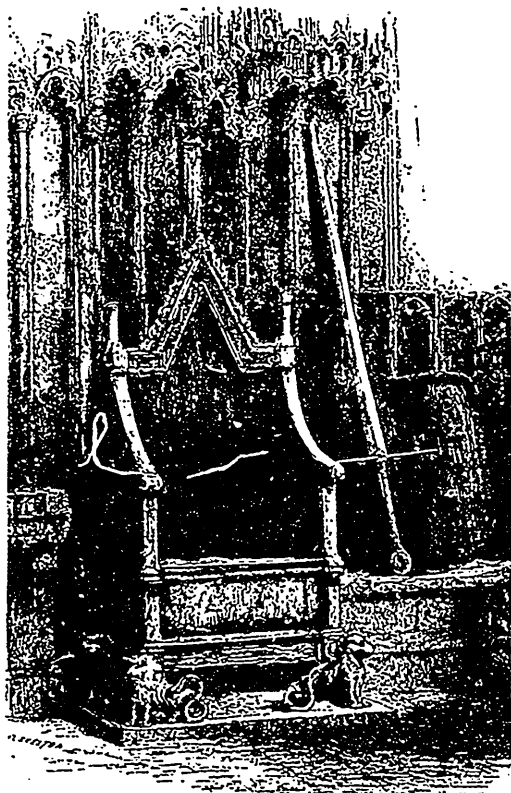


as the town gas works—more useful, but less heroic, than its original purpose.

In our account of Westminster Abbey, in a recent number of this MAGAZINE, we made no reference to one of its most curious relics, the Coronation chair.

This chair, on which for centuries the coronation of the sovereign has taken place, was made by order of Edward I. "In



CORONATION CHAIR, WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

the capital of the Scottish kingdom," says Dean Stanley, "was a venerable fragment of rock, to which, at least as early as the fourteenth century, the following legend was attached: The stony pillow on which Jacob slept at Bethel was by his countrymen transported to Egypt. Thither came Gabelus, son of Cecrops, King of Athens, and married Scota, daughter of Pharaoh. He and his Egyptian wife, alarmed at the rising greatness of Moses, fled with the stone to Sicily or to Spain." Thence it was taken