



HAMLET UP TO DATE.

THE KING—"And can we by no drift of conference get from him why he puts on this confusion, grating so harshly all his days of quiet with turbulent lunacy."

ROSENCRANTZ—"He feels himself distracted. From what cause he will by no means speak, and with crafty madness keeps aloof from what would bring him on to some confession. He hath said the days of one man rule are over. Can he have given up hopes of leadership, think you by this saying?"