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PREFACE.

Look on this picture, and on that! I have endeavoured in these few pages to show the condition to which France and other Continental countries have been brought by Democracy run mad.

I have exhibited by contrast the state of things to which England has been for centuries indebted to Aristocratic Government.

I see now the danger of Continental Democracy crossing the Channel.

And I should be happy if words of mine, prompted by many years' experience of this and other lands, would convey a warning to those who seem too sure that "things are better managed on the other side of the water."

A. G.

THE FALLS, LLANDOGO, MONMOUTHSHIRE,
February, 1883.

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DEMOCRACY ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

I.

WHAT is Property?

The question is readily answered by him who has none.

"La propriété c'est le vol," said the Frenchman; and he sent the "aristocrate," as the thief, "à la lanterne."

No doubt some of the colossal fortunes in this world sprang from questionable sources. There have been thieves at all times: warrior thieves; merchant thieves; lawyer thieves. Can we hang them all? Shall we call every man to account, and award to every man his due?

"By no means necessary," answers modern