

selves safe in your hands. But it is the fashion with people circumstanced as you are to give pledges to those who support them. Mr Harman, of Woolwich, some time ago answered all the questions put to him, apparently to the satisfaction of the voters. Amongst other questions, he was asked, what he could do with the corn laws? His answer was, that he would vote for a modification of them; he would vote for 10s. permanent duty, which 10s. he would give to the farmers! What think you of this dealing with the corn laws? It is complete *fudge*. What is given to the farmer is only given to the landlord, as the rent will be raised in proportion. The whole government of the country has been in the hands of the landed proprietors hitherto, and we see what abuses have thereby crept into it. This kind of modification would never do; it is mere *speculation*. If our rulers are not already tired of this speculation, I shall propose a speculation, as a trial, equally as fair as the giving the landed proprietors a monopoly of corn—and that is, to give the Shoemaker Corporation power to charge their customers five pounds for every pair of shoes, and to pay their men 6d. a pair, or as little as they please for making them. The master shoemakers would thereby very speedily get rich, and would be very unwilling to give up their monopoly;—that is, in so far, the management of our government.

The fact is, that the finest wheat in the world can be purchased in Spain and Morocco for 7s. per quarter, or 3s. 6d. our boll. It is 60s. in our market. Mr Harman, of Woolwich admits in his speech, that it can be imported for 10s. from the Continent, and says that he would give our farmers other 10s. on the quarter; but he makes no mention of allowing the shoemakers other 10s. for the pair of shoes.—How unfair that is! The shoemakers have as good a right to 10s. from the importation of foreign grain as our landed proprietors have; this will never do. Notwithstanding the exorbitant prices which our farmers have been in the habit of extracting, their agricultural concerns have been carried on in a most slovenly manner. If a free trade was introduced, they would have to eat all their grain themselves. The