THE TEXTILE MERCURY.

Machinery and Appliances.

NEW DEVICE FOR PREVENTING IRREGULAR SLIVER.

MR. SAMUEL BROOKS, UNION IRON WORKS, WEST Gorton, Manchester, the sole maker, will afford any further information that may be required.

We are informed that Messrs. Beechwell and Bullock, of Trafalgar-street, Iron Works, Burnley, have sold the goodwill of their business, as Ironfounders and Machine makers, also their patterns, to Messrs. Rutterworth and Dickinson, Glove and Saddler Back Ironworks, Burnley, who will be glad to supply the looms, plating machines, and winding-on frames, etc., etc., hitherto made by Messrs. Beechwell and Bullock, and also any sundries that may be required for repairs.

Foreign Correspondence.

TEXTILE MATTERS IN GERMANY.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

BAVARIA, June 17th, 1880.

The gigantic colliers strike, which has forcibly come to an end now, is still occupying the thoughts and reflections of Prussian statesmen. It has been proposed to buy up all the colliers of the country, and to administer them for the account of the State. But would strikes thus be avoided? It does not seem so, since the Rhineland coal mines, which already belong for the greatest part to the State, the strike was no less intense than in Westphalia. Professor Heilmann, a renowned writer on political economy, proposes in his periodical to inaugurate a new wage system, and to give the miners a share on the profits, viz., after paying a dividend of 10 per cent., to the shareholders or owners, to leave half of the surplus profits to be distributed to the labourers. The startling fact that the situation of the whole industry of a country is seriously compromised by a coal miners' strike of even a short duration, and that such a strike is easily brought about, and spreads round very quickly, as the example has shown, is indeed well worth occupying the minds of politicians.

On the other hand, German workpeople begin now to understand that strikes cannot be improvised, but must be prepared beforehand by creating a wages fund, as the English Trades Unions have done. To begin a strike without the workpeople having means of subsistence for even only a week, is pure folly, and such strikes are sure to fail. The unusually hot, one might say "tropical," weather now reigning and the holidays have made business a little dull last week, and fewer orders have been received.

The "Exportation Sale Exhibition of Stuttgart" shows in its last business report pretty favourable results. The number of exhibiting manufacturers was about 800; the number of buyers was 291, against 196 last year; the number of orders 1,494, against 1,485. The total transactions of the market have been of the order of 109,000 M against last year. In spite of the large turnover, no losses were suffered. The total number of distributed catalogues has been in five languages, 8,906. They have a branch establishment at Hamburg, which flourishers likewise.

The important hosier firm of world-wide reputation, of Cse. Zimmermann and Son, of Apollis, held here centenary celebrated a few days ago.

The female hands of the power weaving establishment of Fischer, in the Allgaeu (Bavaria),