

## **Globe Friday 24 January 1873**

### **Notes of the Day**

It used to be said that a soldier liked to be stationed in Jersey, because when he tendered a shilling in payment for a pennyworth he received back twelve pennies by way of change — the Jersey shilling containing not twelve pennies but thirteen. The British soldier will, therefore, not have been pleased to hear that the States of that eccentric island have been memorialised to become less eccentric in the matter of currency. At present it involves a bewildering confusion between the Jersey pound of eighteen shillings and five-pence - farthing and the pound sterling. In Guernsey, however, confusion is thrice or four times confounded. One currency consists of French silver coins, the franc being termed a "five-penny." Another, of the English coinage. A third, of the Jersey coinage. A fourth, of the Guernsey coinage proper, in which the pound is worth 19s and 2 1/2d sterling, and the penny is divided into eight doubles. Lastly, there are the £1 notes, which, with French silver, form the favorite circulating medium. Weights and measures also vary in both islands, and those used by each differ from our own. Now that the German Empire has nearly succeeded in overcoming the conflicting difficulties of Kreuzers and Grosehen, the States of Jersey may surely, without loss of dignity, imitate so august an example. Perhaps Guernsey might be inclined to follow a little later. At present a new comer to St. Peter Le-Port feels himself, in the matter of paying, more helpless, if possible, than a stranger at Frankfort-on-the-Maine, where to receive out of a dozen coins two small ones in the same currency is an event to be remembered.