

and ought no longer to need refutation." (Professor Ashley.)

How now can we buy our imports if our exports fall off owing to a diminished production? Some persons will be hindered from buying the articles of necessity or decency or luxury, and there will be no corresponding advantage to the revenue as a compensation for the nation's sacrifice of enjoyments. Not only therefore does protection injure the individual farmer, but it diminishes the wealth of the country as well; it is a sort of double-barrelled nuisance.

If the country is to go on giving bonuses to farmers to settle in our great west and subsidizing the carrying trade to sell the products of their toil and labour, we shall create a fictitious atmosphere around our staple industry which may bring ruin to the country in the future.

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(To be continued)



SPRING-TIME.

The south wind sweet has come back to greet
Us again, and it breathes softly low ;
Drove the winter away, brought sunshine and play
Over all the land with its airy hand—
Oh beautiful voice of Spring.

The rivers are brimming, now rumbling, now singing,
And their anthems are wild and free ;
Soon the violets will peep—awaked from their sleep,
Ope their cuplets fair to the balmy air
When kissed by the breath of Spring.

Hear the bird song once more—the sound I adore ;
It comes from the birch and the elm ;
The fields too are green, fairy censors unseen
Those sweet odors are sending, harmoniously blending
With the beautiful voices of Spring.

—L. L. C.