

ters what he calls "natural monopolies," or, in other words, that it increases the cost of food and the rent of land. His arguments in support of this position are strangely inconclusive, and the whole theory is upset by the example of the English corn-laws. It was not free trade, but protection, that made food dear in England; and it would have become still dearer if the corn laws had not been repealed. Professor Patten advocates protectionism, not as a temporary expedient, but as "part of a fixed national policy" (p. 8). He maintains that "our economic conditions are so different from those of any foreign nation that an American industrial policy must be of a distinct type from that of other nations" (p. 14); and he thinks it best for us to "isolate ourselves" as much as possible from the nations of Europe. Such are some of the salient points of the work; but we doubt if they will have much influence on public opinion.

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