

be imported, then cancelled. Again, the security system would destroy the centralizing influence of gold, which now builds over-populous cities, harboring vice, pestilence, poverty, insanity and famine in their rampant forms. In nothing does the new economy appear to greater advantage than in transferring capital from the centres of population to the broad country, and that direction too does population take, as it invariably follows capital. The distribution of capital, in fact, means the distribution of population over a healthful and productive industrial area.

W.—Am I to infer from your reasoning that security will deprive gold of much of its present value ?

V.—Certainly. It will ultimately be demonetized, as a necessary consequence. I may here remark that a resort to gold as a reserve of exchange, is not because it is regarded as money—far from it ; but simply because it now cancels debts between nations ; and the new economy must meet the exigency. Any new system that did not fully meet *things as they are*, would prove inadequate and could never be introduced. Hitherto, unfitness has been the great error of all suggestions for improvement, and failure has been the consequence. You must keep a reserve of gold, therefore, to humour your worst industrial friends.

W.—But in regard to the introduction of the security system, will it not be necessary to first get rid of the styles of money now current ?

V.—Not at all. Progress is not made in that