protection to my labour, and I ask none. Let us both alone—me and the manufacturer. As you let me work my bumble way along as best I can, leave him to do the same. Give him no part of my earnings, and I am content with my little share of this world's goods." If it demoralizes society for Government to give to the poor food, and clothing, and fuel, is it not equally demoralizing for Government to give to the rich and strong? And when it gives to the rich bar rich and strong? And when it gives to the rich by taking from the comforts of the poor, is it not demoral-

taking from the connorts of the poor, is it not demoratizing society at both ends?
"Mother, do give me another blanket, I am so cold," begs a shivering child, of a winter's night, on our northern frontier. I have no more, child; blankets are so dear and all sorts of clothes are so dear.

ets are so dear and all sorts of clothes are so dear. John, what makes woollen things so much dearer than they used to be?"
"I don't know; but they say it's all done to protect us poor folks. A tonguey man told us the other night that the Government must protect us from the blanket-makers in England and other foreign

"Yes, but John, over in Canada they have nothing but English blankets, and you can buy two blankets there for what one costs here. The English blanketmakers don't seem to be so hard upon poor folk, after all."

"Well, I can't tell the story exactly; but the torguey man made it all out clear. I think he said, to,, that wool wouldn't grow on our sheep unless

"Why, John, you don't mean that they kiver our American sheep with blankets to make their wool grow, and that's the reason blankets are so scarce

and dear

"Well, I don't know about that; but he made out

"Well, I don't know about that; but he made out that the sheep must be purtected to git the wool, and then the men who made the wool into blankets must be purtected; else we'd have to use the cheap foreign blankets, and then he said we'd he worse oft."

"John, don't you think the tonguey man was pulling some wool over your eyes? If I could get two blankets instead of one to keep the children warm, the sheep could do we'll enough with their natural kivering. It seems to me that we poor folk, what don't have any natural kiver of wool growing on our backs, want purtection more than the sheep."

"Well, that's just what Deacon Welloff says; he says these high prices purtect us as well as the sheep; and you know the deacon subscribes a good deal of money for the poor."

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"That's all true, John; but then the deacon don't seem to get any poorer for all that he gives away; and the deacon has got a good many sheep of his own; and whatever is good for his sheep must be good for the deacon's own pocket; and they do say that he owns part of a high lanket factory down in Rhode Island, and so washe the deacon wrongs the record owns part of a big blanket factory down in Rhode Island; and so, maybe, the deacon wrongs us poor folk out of \$10 and then gives us back \$1 of it in charity; maybe, if the poor had cheap blankets and cheap clothes, they wouldn't want any charity. You can't make me believe we're any better off for having only one blanket, when, if they was cheaper, we might have two." have two.

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