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The national advantages resulting from the establishment of such description of manufactures as are adapted to our circumstances, such as we have facilities to sustain and render permanent by giving the capitalist a fair remuneration for his investment, must be obvious to every one who reflects on the subject, from the employment they give to the people, the retention of large sums of money that would otherwise be expended in a foreign country to support foreign labor, the inducement they offer to the foreign artizan to emigrate from old established manufacturing countries where excess of competition has reduced the price of labor to a bare existence, the home market they give to the farmer for his produce, and the general indirect benefits they confer upon all trades and professions.

All the productions of a country give then advantages to a great extent, whether agricultural, mechanical or mineral. The wealth and power of a country is the result of its productions, the great element in its prosperity, the main source of its elevation. By the diversity of employment occasioned in the variety of its productions, is the taste, skill, ingenuity, industry and ambition of its inhabitants developed; by manufactures, the genius and mechanical skill of the nation is cultivated, and an honorable spirit of emulation created by which great results are achieved.

It is therefore worthy the serious consideration of the patriot or philanthropist, to examine the causes which foster or discourage an element in the country's advancement of such importance, and to discuss the propriety of such legislative interference as will promote its welfare. It would, however, be