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The Hunt For Markets.

value produced by the workers and comes unbearable.-Cotton's Weekly. which they cannot buy back, could be sold, then the problem facing the capitalists would be solved. The surplus would not pile up in the home markets. The workers would be continually employed, and the capitalist system of production would work to perfection. Markets to absorb the surplus values would be the salvation of the capitalists. Hence, in all countries of the world where the capitalist system has developed, the capitalists are frantically searching for those markets in which goods can be sold without the purchasers wanting to sell in return.

Great Britain is overstocked with goods, which the capitalists must sell if they are to survive. The tariff reformers look to the home market for their salvation. They think that if foreign goods were excluded the British market could absorb the homemade goods. In America and Germany, where protection is high, the problem of the unsold surplus is as great as it is in Britain. The British freetraders, on the other hand, are turning to imperialism. They think that free trade within the empire will solve the problem. But Canada, Australia and the other British dependencies are producing unsold surplus values, and the problem cannot be solved by shipping the unsold surplus from one dependency to another.

Germany is trying to solve the problem by a policy of colonial expansion. The United States is trying to solve the problem by forcing goods on China and by developing the industries of Mexico with peon labor. The illusive foreign market for the absorption of the unsold home surplus is being chased by every capitalist politician and diplomat of Europe and America, but that market cannot be found. Hence each nation is trying to steal the markets of every other nation. Algeria has been snarled over by the nations of Europe as a bone by hungry dogs.

The fight for world markets has created a brain storm within the head of every European diplomat. At home the unemployed clamor for work. Hunger, poverty and misery stalk the streets of the great industrial centres. Socialism points to the misery created by the capitalist system for the benefit of the capitalists, and then points the finger of scorn at the capitalist. The rulers of every nation sit in insecure places. They are driven to desperation, and the world market will alone save them. Hence, the ruregiment to regiment. The govern- tecting state.

ment of each nation looks with suspicion upon the government of every If the capitalists could only find a other nation. Europe is an armed market in which the unsold surplus camp, and the burden of taxes be-

The Story of the Sick Man.

There was once a very sick man, who was so sick, indeed, that the people of the village in which he lived all. said he was going to die.

And the wise men of that village gathered about him, for his "case" was an exceedingly curious one, and his malady one that seemed strange and incurable. Some tried to explain it one way, and some another.

The village priest gravely assured the by-standers that the man was possessed by devils, and that his afflictions were the outpouring of divine. wrath upon him.

A moralist said that the man's illness was due to his own negligence; and that it was only just that he should suffer the penalty.

A professor of political economy said that there was congestion somewhere in the man's body, and that it was inevitable that such an unhappy condition should occur some time or another.

A reformer suggested that a powerful drug be injected into the man's blood, to restore his vitality and prolong his life.

A philosopher who was present said that happiness was a condition of mind, and that nothing should be done externally to relieve his pain.

Some of the most recent arrivals in the village asserted that the man had always been in that condition, and always would be.

Then a medical doctor came in, one who knew all about physiology and disease, and, from his diagnosis of the case, concluded that the man was starving, and recommended that he should be fed.

At this there was a great uproar, and the man of science, poor fellow, was set upon with great fury The priest denounced him as an atheist, moralist as an enemy of public health, the professor as a revolutionist, the reformer as a fanatic, the philosopher as a meddlesome agitator, the villagerubes as an idiot.

All of which goes to show that the truth is sometimes very unpopular .--W. R. Shier.

The budget fight ie Great Britain will benefit the Socialist party. When the drones fall out, the workers may achieve their economic liberty.

Taxation of capital is not Socialism. lers of every nation are bending all Taxation of capital simply means that their energies to capture that market. capital, out of its robbings, shall bear War-ship is added to war-ship, and part of the burden of the capital pro-

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