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Germans the dangerous, merely designing public mind to this myth, and tending to give it reality? Nay, I can't at the moment forgive even the jokes at German funniness of such a humorist as "Elizabeth of the German Garden."

Well, I haven't said what I wanted, namely, that I wish I were a political writer, and could lay these views before the public, but I am a mere private person, and I can't bring forward the array of names and figures (General So-and-So, says this, the So-and-So Tageblatt said t'oother, there is so much teenage, and so much freightage and so much—leakage is the only word that occurs to me—in such or such a place) which alone, and however unsighted and incoherent, seem to produce emotion and hence conviction in the readers of political papers.

I know I have no authority and could prove nothing, yet a whole life spent in countries possessing both Protection and Conscription has accumulated impressions on the subject; whereas I am sure that with all their arguments and examples, English people think of Protection and etc., etc., as destined for that sole purpose and which have not results and the tangle of undesired realities, because they are Protection as well, as doing exactly what is wanted, and no more. They don't even know that if Protection were a wholesome and beneficent thing, which it is not, it creates at once vested interests which corrupt it and make it impossible to remove. English people think of protecting already existing industries, but Protection, by putting on a bounty, draws into false development industries which suck money out of the country, and can't be got rid of, because the whole political life becomes subservient to the people who have put this money into them.

Italy, for instance, produces quantities of very bad and very expensive sugar. One of the beetroot growers said naively to me the other day, "It is absurd to try and diminish the duty on foreign sugars: Why, our climate is such that our sugar must necessarily be inferior and cost more to produce." Meanwhile, many influential people have their money in this protected sugar industry, and the removal or diminution of Protection would ruin, not only them, but throw out of work whole towns and country-sides which are flourishing on the money which every Italian consumer is being made to waste on sugar which doesn't sweeten.

Similarly with other things; everything is more expensive and worse than it need be—bread, for instance, about four times as dear as it is in England—but quite apart even from political jobbery, the getting rid of such waste would produce horrible disruptions and losses for rich and poor.

Similarly about Conscription, English people see only the direct results which they want; they have no experience, and therefore no imagination of the indirect ones. Here in Italy, where it is not absolutely universal, and where one might expect that it would at lest civilize the more barbarous parts, I never hear anything except lamentations at sons being taken from their work and complaints of their returning from their military service, with town vices, town illnesses, and lack of interest and initiative in their agricultural work.

I never heard that the men who have been in the Army have better physiques than the brothers who are not taken, except in so far as only the