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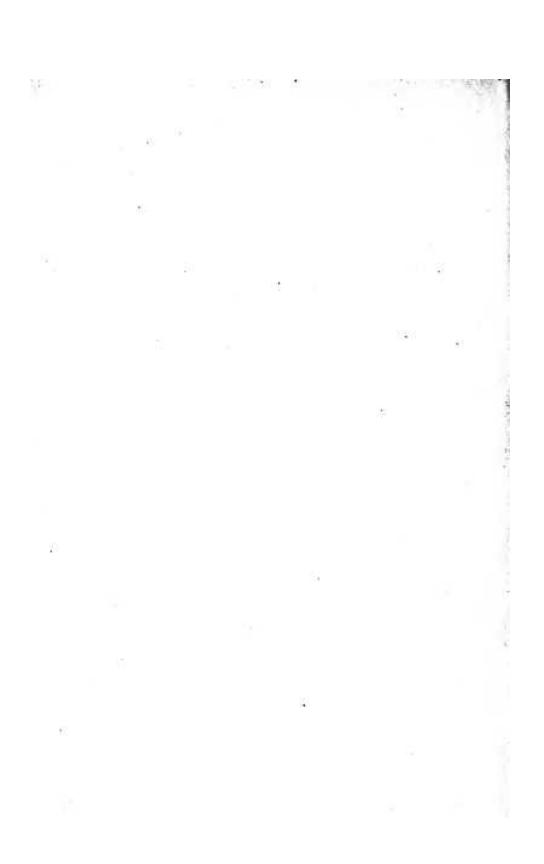
CHAPTER I. is devoted to the discussion of what is termed "the Nationalization of the Land." It is shown that the proposals put forward are impracticable, and would involve injustice, although the idea which underlies these schemes is founded in a just conception of law. It is shown that landlordism is not private property in land, but that its abolition would institute private property, and transfer the right of taxing land to the state.

In Chapter II. the fallacies and sophisms of the economists are discussed. The causes of rent and interest are explained. Capital is defined. The theories are proved to be all false. Mr. Mills' system of analogy, in three terms, is shown to be fundamentally wrong.

Chapter III. is devoted to the inquiry—
What is political economy? The economists could give no positive definition of their logic of negation. Economic science is shown to be homology; and to be founded in ethics, or in the intellectual and moral attributes of man's nature, as demonstrated by Aristotle. His reasoning is illustrated by proportionals and geometrical diagrams. The phenomena are traced up to an Intelligent First Cause. Rent is shown to be evidence of design, and proof of God's immutable and eternal justice. The definitions of the "Principia" apply to human masses and forces, which proves unity of design. Civilization is shown to consist

in the progress of trade and commerce, of which price is the instrument and expression.

Chapter IV. The only "unproductive labourers" are those who are engaged in the service of idleness, vice, and destruction. On the evidence of a landlord, landlordism is shown to be contrary to human nature. Its abolition by edict is imperative. A law for all nations is suggested. The practical application of the law is shown to consist in the substitution of National Land Funds for National Debts. The chapter closes with an allegory.



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CHAPTER I.

CURRENT THEORIES OF "NATIONALIZATION."

AGRARIAN troubles are evidence of a violation of fundamental law, if we conceive the economy of nature to be harmonious in its design. The scheme of nature is carried on by general laws; and land and its products, in every country, being subject to the same exigencies and vicissitudes, it must at once seem strange to the most unreflecting minds that there should be so many land laws in