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“In short, the empire may be said to have as yet wanted almost
“entirely the stimulus to industry arising from communication by
“water, from a universally established steam-communication, and, above
“all, from a liberal commercial legislation.”—*Encyclopædia Britannica*,
Eighth Edition, 1854.

“The low rank held by Austria among commercial nations, whether
“as a producer or as a consumer, has long struck every one acquainted
“with the resources of the empire; and the more the subject is
“examined, the greater becomes the surprise at the slight benefit which
“has been derived from their natural advantages, by a population num-
“bering above 38,000,000 of souls, placed in a country bordering on one
“side some of the most active and industrious States of Germany, and
“traversed by one of the largest and most easily navigable streams of
“Europe, which seemed especially calculated to secure to Austrian
“enterprise the advantages of the lucrative markets of the Levant.”—
Fenn's Compendium of the English and Foreign Funds.

CHAPTER I.

ERRONEOUS NATURE OF THE IMPRESSIONS ENTERTAINED BY THE BRITISH PUBLIC RESPECTING THE GOVERN- MENT AND PEOPLE OF THE AUSTRIAN EMPIRE.

The subject to which I now desire to direct public attention, possesses more than ordinary importance. It has reference to the capabilities of a great and powerful empire, and one that has not hitherto received the attention it deserves. In considering this question in all its bearings, the reader will be constrained to admit, that it is not a little remarkable that the importance of the Austrian dominions, as an active and increasing market for manufactured goods, should have been completely overlooked. She is now a producer to a large extent, and can provide us with raw material in great abundance. Yet our usually keen and far-seeing merchants and manufacturers, who hunt up buyers in every part of the world, seem to have been totally blind to the capabilities of this near neighbour, and to the advantages to be derived from the extensive use of the productions and commodities which she possesses in such quantities. These turned to proper account would give employ-

ment, and thereby the means of obtaining cheap food, to our industrial population. The wealth lying undeveloped in the widely extending plains of Austria may be converted into blessings, not only for England, but for other European countries. And the increased intercommunication and intercourse, to which the efforts necessary for this development would give rise, must constitute the best guarantees for the preservation of tranquillity, and the progress of civilization.

The gold fields of California, Australasia, and British Columbia, have attracted thousands of enterprising spirits from all quarters of the globe, and have necessarily led to an extension of commerce beyond our most glowing anticipations. Yet whilst every effort is made to utilize those mines of wealth in distant regions, we should not neglect the gold fields nearer home, which only require the application of well directed enterprise and industry, in order to yield a rich return.

Being thoroughly impressed with the importance which a right understanding of the great commercial capabilities of Austria, the neighbour and ancient ally of this country, must prove to the British public, I am induced to lay before them the results of my inquiries, during recent visits of some duration to different parts of that empire. I am strongly convinced that if even a slight idea of the wide field for enterprise that lies open to them, is once entertained by our commercial classes, the opportunity will be no longer neglected.