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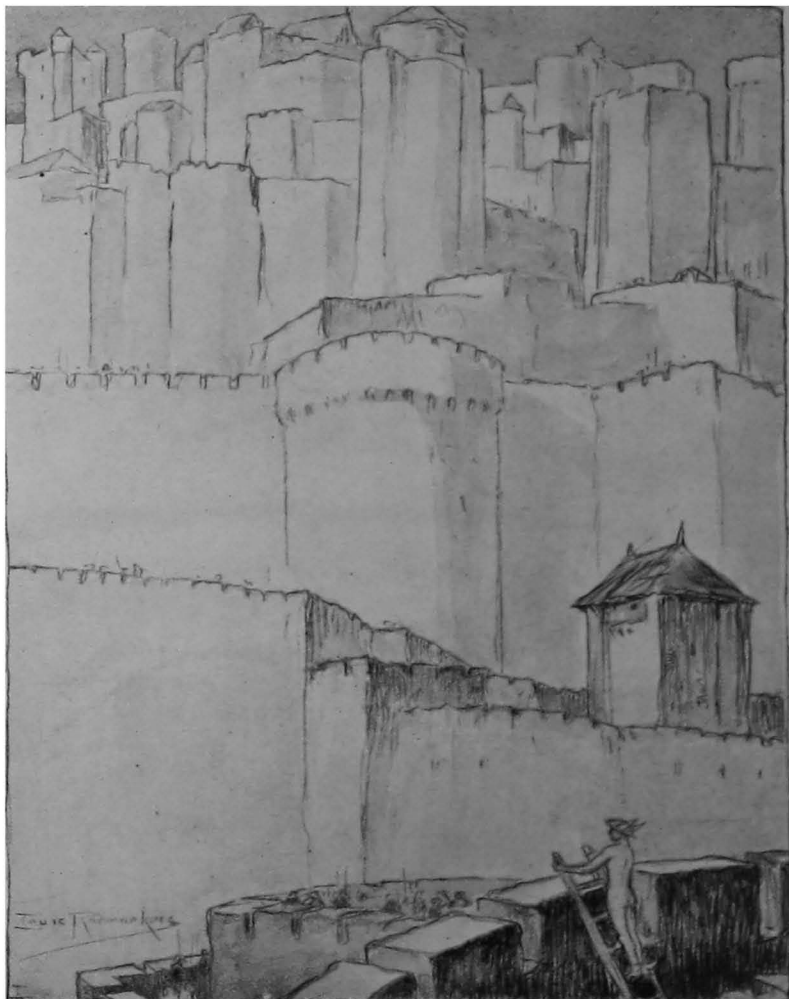
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SIR CLIVE MORRISON-BELL has achieved the impossible, for he has produced a visible picture of European trade conditions in such form that it appears to meet with the approval both of Protectionists and Free-Traders. Not that either group is satisfied with the present condition, but each believes that the best way to attain its ideal is to present a clear picture of the existent. That task Sir Clive has performed with ingenuity and complete impartiality. It might be urged that the result of his impartiality makes a poor picture, in that the existent is far removed from the ideal. But that must be attributed to facts as they are, and not to the author of this interesting book. Tariffs are not only high but they tend steadily to increase. They are usually imposed on no clear theoretical principle but merely to eke out budget resources or to prop up some more or less inefficient industry. They are applied, in defiance

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both of justice and of expediency in negotiation, to good and bad alike; to countries which admit goods free and to countries which do their best to exclude everything foreign. They are so little framed with a clear adherence to policy that any general principle proclaimed is infringed as soon as stated.

The Map of Europe which Sir Clive has constructed for the purposes of the campaign which he has been carrying on with so much persistence and courage for the last three years is at once picturesque and informing. It resembles nothing so much as a group of mediæval fortified camps designed to impede progress. Each small area is divided from the next by physical "chevaux de frise," an arrangement which must give the extra-European mind—accustomed to vast spaces—an impression that belligerent ants have been in charge. The obstacles erected may enhance the artistic interest of the Map, but they are disastrous to European commerce and fatal both to economic production and to the interests of the consumer.

Everyone who has been engaged for the last twenty-five years in the controversy between Protection and Free Trade must
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desire—next to the triumph of his own panacea—some new solution. But a new solution requires a fresh mind, and a fresh mind requires material to work upon. This is provided by the Map, which may be exercising no little influence on European public opinion—a goal that it was originally designed to reach. If a study of it convinces ingenious and inventive readers that old remedies are either ineffective or unattainable, that no real progress is being achieved—since pious resolutions by distinguished Economists at Geneva are followed by no perceptible effect on the minds of statesmen or on the action of Legislatures—this book will certainly not have been written in vain. It will be clear that some new solution must be sought.

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