

CHAPTER IX

SOME EFFECTS OF IMMIGRATION

THAT this competition of the Slavs and Italians, which has forced the English-speaking races and the native workers out of the anthracite mines, is operating to-day with equally significant results in every one of our important industries, is a fact to be observed on all sides. Even better than observation are the convincing facts of an official investigation conducted by the Commission on Immigration of the State of New York.* These show that this supplanting of the native and assimilated workers by the newer immigrant races has been proceeding rapidly in the manufacture of iron, cigars, linoleum and sole leather, collars, cuffs, and shirts; agricultural implements, clothing, electrical machinery and supplies, carpets, pottery, paper, wood products, silk goods, shoes, railroad supplies, the building and repairing of cars, and in scores of other industrial establishments.

The results of the extended inquiries of the Commission show, for illustration, that in the manufacture of collars and cuffs, the Irish are being supplanted by Poles and Armenians; in that of woollens, worsted, and underwear, the

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