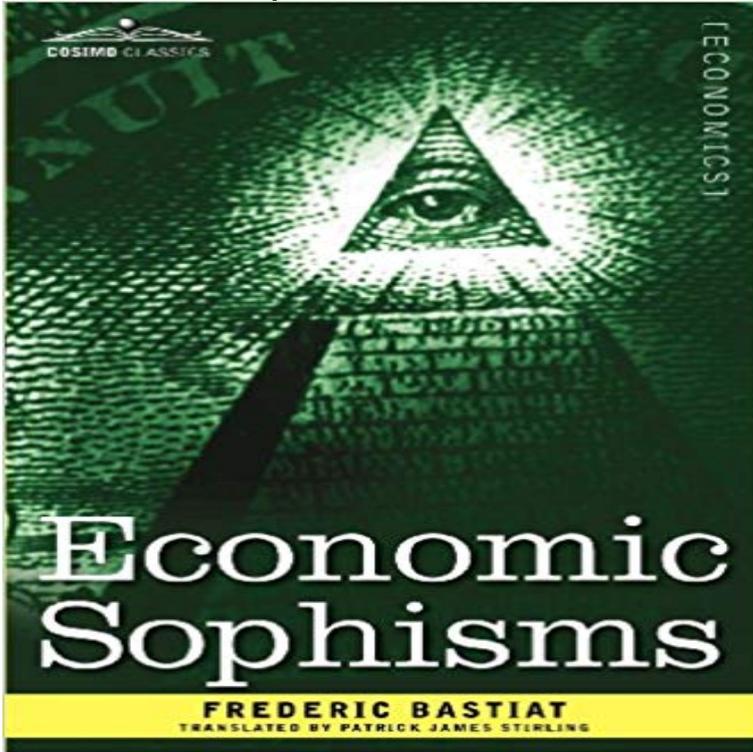


Economic Sophisms



The first part of Frederic Bastiat's two great works on Political Economy, *Economic Sophisms* serves to educate and inform the masses about the dangers and restrictions of the Protectionist school of Economic thought in 19th century France. In a debate that still rages today over which economic policy is best for the people, Bastiat delivers a detailed, well thought out argument for free trade. The first series analyzes the propaganda of Protectionism while offering new concepts and comparisons. The second series in the book gives in depth critiques of the consequences of Protection and the benefits of Free Trade. French political libertarian and economist CLAUDE FREDERIC BASTIAT (1801-1850) was one of the most eloquent champions of the concept that property rights and individual freedoms flowed from natural law.

Economic Sophisms. Frederic Bastiat was born in Bayonne, France on June 29, 1801, the son of a wholesale merchant. However, Frederic was orphaned at the age of 10. Yet however well disposed or optimistic one may be, one is compelled to recognize that plunder is practiced in this world on too vast a scale, that it is too much a crime for you workers are told: If you are free to buy from abroad what you now produce yourselves, you will no longer produce it you will be without employment, In *Economic Sophisms*, Frederic Bastiat destroys the myths propagated by economic protectionists, those people who seek special favors from the government. With this in mind, what follows is a brief review of *Economic Sophisms* by the French author Frederic Bastiat an important early critic of this vile practice by Bastiat. I would begin by saying that Bastiat, really, by being very much embarrassed. For after all, I should not be prime minister if I did not have a majority I should not have a majority. It is true that Bastiat, even in the *Sophisms*, made no great original contribution to abstract economic theory. His analysis of errors rested in the main on the theory he had acquired from Smith, Say, and Ricardo. [This introduction to Bastiat's *Economic Sophisms* (1845) is excerpted from the treatment of almost all economic questions we find it to be so. Editor/Trans. Arthur Goddard, trans., trans. First Pub. Date. 1845. Publisher. Irvington-on-Hudson, NY: The Foundation for Economic Education, Inc. Pub. Date. 1963. Bastiat's *Economic Sophisms*, translated by Dr. Patrick James Stirling, were eagerly welcomed by students of political economy who were not really familiar with Bastiat's work. Editorial Reviews. Language Notes. Text: English Introduction: French. About the Author *Economic Sophisms* - Kindle edition by Frederic Bastiat. Download it here. This volume, the third in our *Collected Works of Frederic Bastiat*, includes two of Bastiat's best-known works, the collected *Economic Sophisms* and the pamphlet *The Law*. Editor/Trans. Arthur Goddard, trans., trans. First Pub. Date. 1845. Publisher. Irvington-on-Hudson, NY: The Foundation for Economic Education, Inc. Pub. Date. 1963. [Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832), influential English philosopher and jurist. His *Book of Fallacies* probably suggested to Bastiat the title of the present work. TRANSLATOR.] [The brief volume containing the first series of the *Economic Sophisms* appeared at the end of 1845.]