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THE FARMER ROBBED.

WHAT NECESSARIES COST AT M'KINLEYED PRICES.

Tariff Rates Before the Bill Passed and Since—One Hundred and Ten Per Cent. on His Coffin—Repealing the Law His Remedy.

A farmer has recently written to the Baltimore Sun to ask what articles used by farmers are sold at higher prices by reason of the passage of the McKinley tariff act. The Sun's answer is as follows:

But for the fancy prices that act and the like acts that have preceded it have forced the farmer to pay for nearly all he buys, he would be vastly better off than he is. A penny saved is a penny made. If manufactured articles used by farmers were cheapened by the amount of the McKinley tax our agriculturists would be astonished at the difference in their finances.

The average tariff rate before the McKinley act was passed was about 47 per cent., or nearly half the foreign price of the imported article. The McKinley act raised the average tax rate to about 60 per cent., which is much more than half the price the farmer might buy at if there was no tariff.

On many articles used by farmers the McKinley act more that doubled the foreign price of the imported article, with the effect, of course, of increasing to that extent the price our protected manufacturers, trusts, combines, etc., can get for like articles produced here.

On one kind of wool dress goods, for example, of the sort used by the poor, the foreign price is thirty cents per yard; the McKinley tax twenty-eight cents per yard. On pearl buttons the McKinley tax is greater than the whole price of the foreign article. The same is to be said of spectacles, knives and a number of other articles the poor must buy.

But the farmer will be more interested in the rates of duty and the increases of duty on the larger items of his yearly expenditure. Agricultural machinery is taxed in the McKinley act 45 per cent. That is to say, the protected home manufacturer is enabled to get nearly half as much again for his goods as they could be had for abroad. This is shown in the fact that our manufacturers sell their agricultural machinery abroad at a heavy discount.

The Engineering and Mining Journal, of New York, publishes a list of articles which our manufacturers sell abroad for less than they will sell at here. It gives the wholesale prices for Americans, and then gives the discounts off for foreigners. Preceding the list are the words, "Discounts are for wholesale export only."

Of course, if our manufacturers sell abroad, with a profit at the low prices fixed by English competition, they could, if they chose, do the same here. The discounts given below show, therefore, the extra profit they make out of the American farmer by means of the McKinley tariff. The following is a part of The Journal's illustrated list, and is authentic:

Planet, Jr., No. 2 seed drill, home price, $9; discount to the foreigner, 30 per cent., or $2.80 off; net price to the foreigner, $6.30.

Combined drill, cultivator, rake, plow, etc., home price, $12; price to foreigner, $8.40.

Firefly hand plow, home price, $2.50; to the foreigner, $1.75.

Hayforks, $24 per dozen; price to the foreigner, $8.40.

Hoes, $9 per dozen; price to the foreigner, $3.15.

Reversible Oneonta clipper plow, iron beam cutter, $14; to the foreigner, $9.80.

Cast steel garden rakes, plain, per dozen, $8; to the foreigner, $3.20.

Scythes, fine cutlery steel, full polished, $10; to the foreigner, $6.

Peck's axes, handled, per dozen, $15; to the foreigner, $7.50.

Peck's hatchets, per dozen, $8; to the foreigner, $4.

Knives, bone handles, $15.35 per gross pairs; to the foreigner, $11.52.

Feed cutters, knives 10 inches long, $30; to the foreigner, $21.

Portable forges, $30; to the foreigner, $12.

Horse lawn mower, $65; to the foreigner, $32.50.

Empire scroll saw, price, boxed, $25; to the foreigner, $20.

Lathe, $40; to the foreigner, $30.

Meat cutter, $4; to the foreigner, $2.

Siphon force pump, $25; to the foreigner, $12.50.

Rat traps, $30 per gross; to the foreigner, $15.

Butter trip scales, $10.50; to the foreigner, $5.25.

Whiffletrees, double, 36 inches long, No. 3, $3; to the foreigner, $1.60.

Windmills, 10 feet pumping, $75; to the foreigner, $37.50.

These figures show sufficiently that the McKinley tariff is enabling the tariff lords to get too much for their goods, and they show how much more than a fair profit it enables them to get on the articles named.

But the farmer buys other things besides agricultural machinery and tools. On stoves he pays a tax of 45 per cent.; on bridle and harness, 36 per cent.; on horseshoes, 52 per cent.; on tinware, 55 per cent.; on spoons, 45 per cent.; on saws, 55 per cent.; wire nails, 150 per cent.; hammers, 50 per cent.; brooms, 35 per cent.; on thread, 74 per cent.; on common woolen goods, 111 per cent.; on glass tumblers and lamps, 180 per cent.; on hats 155 per cent.; on locks, 45 per cent.; on flannel shirts, 100 per cent.; on socks, 120 per cent.; on clothes, 85 per cent.; on paregoric 40 per cent.; on shoes, 23 per cent.; on Bibles, 25 per cent.; on his coffin, 110 per cent.

These figures are eloquent. They tell what has become of the farmer's money. His money has gone in the payment of taxes concealed in the price of what he had to buy. His remedy, of course, is to demand the repeal of the law that authorizes his fellow citizens to rob him.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS

THE LITTLE GERMAN PRINCES.

Their Favorite Amusement of Galloping on Donkeys Along the Sands.

The donkeys of Felixstowe, England, so ancient guide books have it, invariably "create an impression" on newcomers to the place by reason of their attractive "personality." Their coats are smoother, their tails finer and their ears longer than is the case among the common breed, and they are in fact quite ideal asses.

DONKEY RIDING ON THE BEACH.

During their recent stay at this place, the little German princes, from the delicate looking crown prince down to sturdy little Prince Oskar, fell at once under the spell of the asses, and one of their chief pleasures from the very day of their arrival was to canter gallantly along the sandy beach, as depicted in our illustration, or to gallop (as far as that is possible with such steeds) along the South cliff, where a wary donkey driver with a drove of five animals, the "fairest of the fair," made it his daily duty to be in attendance, even at the early hours when the young Hohenzollerns are accustomed to take their morning walk.

A Wishing Well.

A decided attraction at bazaars and fairs is a wishing well. This can be readily managed by young folk if assisted a little by their elders in getting things ready. The following letter from a schoolgirl tells how one wishing well was erected and operated with success. She says:

My sister and I hired a crank, with a small bucket attached, and managed to erect it at one corner of the room. With some painted canvas to resemble stones, many ferns and moss and turf, we contrived a most presentable foundation. There was space at the back for one of us to stand, and we made a roof over our heads with a canopy of striped red and ecru holland. We were dressed as gypsies, in red, brown and yellow, with yellow handkerchiefs knotted about our heads. We provided ourselves with a large number of illuminated scrolls, on thick parchment paper, which related to wishes, darkly hinting whether or not the wisher would gain what was wanted. Every one who tried the dictates of fate paid ten cents, and then the bucket was drawn up. We covered it with paper adorned with cabalistic signs, leaving only an aperture at the top large enough for the hand to pass through, and the wisher thus, without seeing, brought out an answer to the wish which he or she were requested to be wishing hard all through the process. We made quite twenty dollars for our bazaar in a large country town.

A Little Monarch's Displeasure.

Among the many stories told of the sayings and doings of the small king of Spain, the following is one of the latest: The other day he was taken to church as usual, and was surprised to see a new priest in the pulpit in place of the usual preacher. He was a substitute "on account of sickness," and he turned out to be very eloquent and fervid, preaching an impassioned sermon. This did not suit the fancy of the little monarch. He frowned several times, and finally rose and said to his mother with great emphasis: "Don't you think we ought to make him stop? I never heard any one shout so in my presence before!"

Comp'ny's Coming.

Ma, she's dreadful busy a-hurryin 'round the house,
An boys are in the way she says—Oh, mercy! what a touse!
I can't sit here, I can't sit there, or even whittle a stick,
Without I hear this same old cry, "Move out o' the way there, quick!"
Oh, what's a fellow to do, and where's a fellow to go?
And how can he keep on livin when his mother treats him so!
But she wants me 'round the house an keeps me jest a-running
On errands o' her's—'cause why? Why, comp'ny's coming!

It's awful to be a boy when you're the only one,
With jest a little sister or two—it ain't no kind of fun!
It's downright mean—that's what it is—to keep me flyin so,
Up stairs, down cellar an out to the barn—"Here, Johnnie, shovel the snow!"
Or, "Johnnie, bring in the woodbox full an run an gather the eggs!"
Or, "Johnnie, run down to the grocery store!" It's Johnnie's pair of legs

IT'S AWFUL TO BE A BOY.

That this house moves on, now I tell you—an they're forever running.
But more especially days like this, 'cause why? Why, comp'ny's coming!
But after all—when the comp'ny's gone an bedtime comes once more,
An ma takes up the nursery lamp an marches us through the door,
An up the stairs like a flock o' sheep, an hurries us into bed,
An tucks us in an hears our prayers an pats us on the head,
An kisses us all an talks awhile an laughs an jokes with us—
Somehow or other I kind o' forget the hard work an the fuss,
An think that there ain't in all the world a mother half so good
If she does keep me a-running to split the kindling wood,
An gather the eggs an run to the store an a hundred other things;
An when she sits beside my bed an rocks the baby an sings,
An smooths my hair an praises me up an calls me her good boy—
Somehow or other the work I've done is swallowed up in joy,
An I lay an look up into her face an hear her gentle humming,
An love her more than anyone knows—even when—comp'ny's coming!

—Little Men and Women.

Answered.

An amusing story is related of an Irishman named Manning, who was at work excavating a ditch on a cross street near Jefferson avenue the other day. A very pronounced dude was attracted to the spot, and in the habitual drawl observed:

"Ah, what are you doing heah?"

"Diggin a ditch, sor," responded Manning.

"Why, thundah, I know you are digging a ditch, but what are you doing it for?"

"For one day's pay, sor."

The dude wilted.—Detroit News.

An Equine Divisor.

I.

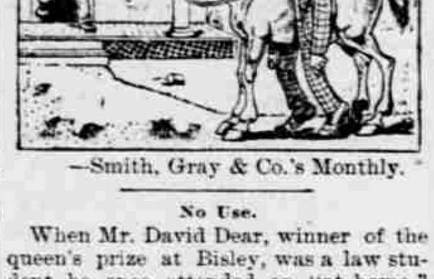
Mr. Cornhusk (the country boarding house keeper)—The doctor lives in Plunkville, ten miles from here. Yes; this is the only horse I have, and there ain't a saddle about the place.

II.

III.

IV.

V.



—Smith, Gray & Co.'s Monthly.

No Use.

When Mr. David Dear, winner of the queen's prize at Bisley, was a law student he once attended an "at home." On the servant asking his name he replied, "David Dear." The girl blushed and said, "Yes, yes, but what is your other name, sir?" He assured her he had no other name. But it was of no use; the servant knew better, and announced him as "Mr. David."—Exchange.

Wanted It.

Travers—I got so well acquainted with a girl at Block island this year that when I was going away she offered to pack my trunk.

Dashaway—How fortunate! Did you let her?

Travers—No. The hotel objected.—Clothier and Furnisher.

Knowledge Costs Money.

Irate Patron—See here, sir, I dropped a nickel into this machine and nothing came out.

Agent—If nothing came out that shows it's empty.

"But what do I get for my nickel?"

"Information."—Good News.

Set Right.

"Yes, Mr. Flagg," said the father warmly, "you are a man after my own heart."

"Excuse me, Mr. Joblots," said the young man with dignity, "but you are mistaken; I am after your daughter's."—Baltimore American.

No Use in That.

"I'd like to go away for the rest of the week, sir," said the tired bookkeeper.

"There is no need for you to do that," replied the employer. "Stay here and the rest of the week will come to you."—New York Sun.

Not His Own.

Dr. Surgens—In my business several examinations are required every year.

Mr. Stranger—Civil service?

Dr. Surgens—No, post mortem.—Lowell Citizen.

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—William Barclay Dunham in Clothier and Furnisher.

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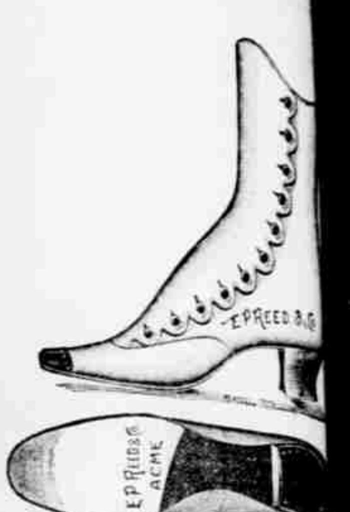

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