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The American Magazine

Dear Editor:- The September number of the American Magazine arrived here, the 19th of August.

In closed you will find a Treatise on protection, which I profoundly think worthy of the utmost circulation. Can you help circulate the awful monstrosity I verily believe, that there is not another writer in our country, that can write on this subject in so many words a more interesting letter and one that put more people to thinking.

As you have read the letter Mr. Editor then why should not your readers read it? Would be pleased if you would write me what you think of the letter and what feel like doing with it.

Very Respectfully,

G.W. Dorman.

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Free Trade vs Protection.
A highhanded outrage!

Please tell your readers, Mr. Editor, that the tariff is sheltering trusts as Senator Cummins of Iowa has aptly said. Our protected industries, having organized into trusts, in order to obtain, among other things, the full benefit of the prices fixed by the tariff, according to the tariff law in my possession, it appears, that the Standard Oil Trust, the Steel Trust, the Sugar Trust, the Lumber Trust, the Rubber Trust, the Coal and the Meat Trusts are all protected. In fact, there are several hundred of them on most every conceivable product of universal use.

The census of the United States shows illiteracy, crime and insanity to be increasing three times as fast as the population, and to have so increased every since 1860, ever since we have had protection.
It would therefore appear that protection was filling our land with poverty, crime and insanity, in order to feed and fatten billionaire trusts! Indeed kind reader, is not protection the most melancholy outrage that was ever fastened on an unsuspecting people?

G.W. Dorman.

Clinton Mo.