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Ephraim "American":

Jr.

Tell such article in your October issue is well worthy the careful study of every purchaser of clothing. To the statement as to constant determination of quality of goods, she would have added that the same process is apparent in almost every article offered to the American consumer these days.

But I do not think that it can be proven that the
tariff on wool is responsible either for the high price or for this deterioration in quality of woolen cloths.

Current quotations on wool values at St. Louis, Sept. 20th, rate tub washed fine wool at 25 ½ 30c. and combing and clothing (worsted) wools at 23 ½ 24c. London sales at same date brought from 22 ¼ 3½c. for second, and greasy 13 ½ 24c. for greasy wool.

I think, moreover, that
Mr. Tarbell has not stated
the argument for protection
in wool with justice to its
advocates. No one ever claimed
that Ohio "as time goes on,
can produce more cheaply than
the foreigners." A specialist,
with all things in his favor,
can always produce cheaper
than one of classified interests,
especially in such lines where
many conditions are against
the latter.

I am honestly looking for
light upon this subject, and
from former work of Miss Turbella, should have expected to find more light and less prejudice upon this particular topic.

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