

Tariff file

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Editor "American":

Miss Far-

rell's tariff article in your October issue is well worthy the careful study of every purchaser of clothing. To her statements as to constant deterioration of quality of goods, she might have added that the same process is apparent in almost every article offered to the American consumer to-day.

But I do not think that it can be proven that the

tariff on <sup>raw</sup> wool is responsible  
either for the high prices or  
for this deterioration in quality  
of woollen clothes.

Current quotations in wool  
values at St. Louis, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>,  
rate tub washed fine wool at  
25 to 30c., and combing and  
clotting (worsted) wool at  
23 to 24c. London sales at  
same date brought from  
22 to 51c for scoured, and  
greasy 13 to 29c for greasy  
wools.

I think, moreover, that

Miss Tabbell has not stated  
the argument for protection  
to wool with justice to its  
advocates. No one ever claimed  
that Ohio "as time goes on,  
can produce more cheaply than  
the foreigner." A specialist,  
with all things in his favor,  
can always produce cheaper  
than one of diversified interests,  
especially in a line where  
many conditions are against  
the latter.

I am honestly looking for  
light upon this subject, and

from former work of Miss  
Turbelli, should have expected  
to find more light and less  
prejudice upon this particular  
topic.

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