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Editor of American Magazine,

Dear Sir:

At sometime in the near future, when the gentlemen with a gift for gab who congregate in the "House of the Interpreter" meet together, will they not talk on the subject of what percentage of the indirect tax goes to Uncle Sam (and I understand the poor old dear is living above his income) and what percentage goes to the Trust British Amalgamated? Suppose I buy $10 worth of stuff to make John some working shirts. If I pay 12 1/2 cents for cotton shirting who collects my indirect tax? If I get extravagant and pay 65% for linen cloth (and John loves the feel of a linen shirt in hot weather; besides it wears long and is easy to wash) and who gets the rake off on John's shirt? John doesn't know and my neighbors don't know. Your friends who congregate in the "House of the Interpreter" may condescend to talk about these things and it would be of very practical help to one who wants to pay her indirect taxes into her country's treasury.

Yours, M. Rawley