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Sorted Cut Sole
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Dear Madam

Perhaps I can be of help to you in your articles on the tariff. If you want any specific information re. the Beef Trust connection with the Sole Leather Trust, I may be able to give it to you. It is clear that the Beef Trust bought into the Leather trust so that when the duty was taken off hides they would still get the benefit of that duty in the disguise of the duty on Sole leather (20%)

The total labor cost of tanning Sole leather is 5% of the value of the product, and none of it is skilled labor. No further argument is needed to show that the sole-leather-beef-trust should not have 20% protection. Sole lea should be free. To show that the ~~farmer~~ cattle grower gets no benefit from the duty on hides.

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and that the beef packers get all there
is, we quote from "Hide & Leather" (Chicago)
17th Nov. "There is a wide range in the
prices paid for cattle on the hoof. Choice steers
in limited numbers bring \$6⁰⁰ per 100 lbs
but Texas & grass western steers bring only
3⁵⁰ per 100 lbs. while canning & cutting
cows are down to 1²⁵ per 100. There are
some cows selling on the hoof at $\frac{1}{4}$ ⁰⁰
per pound while the hide brings 15⁰⁰ a lb.
If we have the animal bringing \$12⁵⁰
as he stands while the hide alone will
net the packer almost \$9⁰⁰!"

Yours truly

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