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THE TARIFF AS A CONTRACT.

It has long been the theory of the protectionists that the Government would be guilty of a breach of faith in summary withdrawal of the duties under which many of them have risen from the nursing bottle to their present Titanic mould.

Does it not involve the violation by the Government of a contract of agreement with certain producing interests in the United States—namely, the tariff law?

It is not our present purpose to investigate, or characterize as it deserves, this shameless utterance; but merely to present in antithesis the words of a Republican paper whose loyalty to protection no one can question, and whose editorial policy is a thing not lightly determined or down about by every wave of doctrine.

"Certain producing interests" have a contract with the United States, have they? A contract, not that they shall be taxed only at a certain rate, but that they shall be taxed at all?

If there is any organ of public opinion in this country deserving a setback, that organ is pre-eminently the American Economist, which has done the manufacturers of the country more harm through its ill-considered efforts in their behalf than any other newspaper in the land.

During their four months of rule, while many were tried, only four men accused of murder were convicted and executed; the remainder were banished.

Mr. G. Grosvenor Dawes, secretary of the Society of American Authors, affiliated with the "American Author," M. P. Ferris, editor, favors us with a circular letter in the interests of lower postal rates on newspaper correspondence and manuscripts.

REGRETTABLY, we must beg to be excused; and though our heart is not upon our sleeve for Dawes to peck at, the reason is ready.

What is there in all the varied assortment of matter incumbering Uncle Sam's pouches which hurry here and there about the country, more heavily freighted with menace to the common comfort than these same letters to the editor and author's manuscripts?

Advise to young mothers, \$1 per pound; hints on health and beauty foods, \$1 per ounce; Spring beauty, \$1.00 per box.

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