

THE BURDEN IS COMING.

Of course the consumers of articles affected by the new tariff have not as yet experienced any change in prices. One of the most perceptible advances in prices will be in cigars. On imported cigars the old tariff was \$2.50 a pound and 25 per cent ad valorem, and the new tariff will raise the specific duty to \$4.50 a pound, leaving the ad valorem duty unchanged. The average weight of imported cigars is about eleven and a half pounds a thousand, and the increase of tax will consequently amount to about \$23 a thousand or \$2.30 a hundred.

The new tariff will increase the cost to the consumer of domestic cigars, as Key West cigars, especially, are likely to follow the imported grades in their inevitable advance.

There is also an increase on imported tobacco, and a large share of the better brands of domestic manufactured cigars are made in whole or in part of imported stock. The patrons of cheap dry goods will probably feel the effect of the new tariff heavier than the purchasers of expensive fabrics. For instance, on woolen and worsted cloths and manufacturers of every description made wholly or in part of worsted valued at not more than 30 cents per pound, the new tariff is 33 cents a pound and 40 per cent ad valorem, whereas before the rate was 10 cents a pound and 35 cents ad valorem. Where the goods are valued at more than 40, but not less than 50 cents a pound, the new duty is 33 cents a pound and 35 per cent ad valorem, while before 18 cents a pound and 35 per cent ad valorem used to satisfy Uncle Samuel.

The duty on imitation seal sacques has been advanced 120 per cent, on cotton corduroy 114 per cent, cotton linings 285 per cent and cotton velvets 102 per cent. To show that the rich will not suffer very much it is only necessary to say that broad cloth has only been advanced 20 per cent, fine cashmere 25 per cent, while on seal sacques the duty has been reduced 33 per cent. There has been no advance on silk velvet, silk lining or black silk.

The duty on champagnes has been increased \$1 per case, and 50 cents may be added to each quart bottle sold in hotels. Though duty on macaroni, vermicelli, etc., is allowed now to come in at a 2 cent duty and the duty on rice somewhat lessened consumers of oatmeal, corn and cornmeal must pay more for their mush and hot cakes. That it is not absolutely necessary to starve on account of the increase duty is sure when it is understood sauer kraut, acorns, raw, dried or undried, bologna sausages, jalap, balm of gilead and leeches are on the free list.

The effects of the McKinley bill are already being felt in Chicago, the first lines to note a change being clothing and dry goods. The merchant tailors in the city are giving notice that there has been an advance of from 8 to 10 per cent on chevots, worsteds, kerseys, meltons, vicunas and beavers, and that domestic goods are going up in sympathy. Italian linings have already taken an upward shoot of 10 cents and other linings are jogging along. Half a dozen tailors were interviewed yesterday. The expression uttered by one was the opinion of the others.

"Mark my words," he said, "the price of clothing will advance from 10 to 15 per cent. With everything in the line of trimmings and material going up the tailor who attempts to sell at the old figures will be ruined. Yes, cheap ready-made clothing will cost the poor man from \$2 to \$5 more a suit."

Mr. Furber, of the firm of H. J. Furber & Co., said:

"We have been advised of an advance in dry goods by parties in New York. Already there has been an advance of 10 per cent, and within thirty days there will be an advance of 5 per cent more in dress goods, and especially the lower grades. All pile goods, such as plush and velvets, will advance 30 per cent. Hosiery and underwear will go up 25 per cent. Trimmings and notions will also be affected. The rise is due to the McKinley tariff bill."

"Prices will go up from 10 to 35 per cent," said W. F. Cooper of the firm of Siegel, Cooper & Co., "due to the tariff bill. The lower grades of linen goods will be affected 20 per cent. Medium priced hosiery has advanced \$1 per dozen. Hosiery worth from \$3 up has \$1 added, and below \$3 50 cents added. It is the cheaper grades of goods that are affected the most."

A republican farmer who uniformly votes for Hermann and the party candidates who send Michell and Delph to the Senate, said the other day that he thinks congress should have put jute sacks and binding twine on the free list. He said he had a right to demand this. That depends. If the farmer is a democrat or republican who believes that the duties should be reduced and all schedules put on a revenue basis, then he has a right to demand free wine and free jute; but if he is a protectionist he has no more right to demand free twine and free jute sacks than others do free iron, free sugar, free woolen goods and free eggs.

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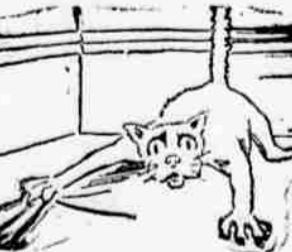
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