

**THE TARIFF ON SUGAR.**

**What it Costs the Country—An Investigation Which Vitrally Interests all the People.**

Baltimore Sun.

The investigation by a committee of the House of Representatives into the Sugar Trust will bring into the sunlight the most interesting of all tariff subjects. According to the figures of the Government, each person in the United States, man, woman and child, uses, on the average, over 81 pounds of sugar each year. Multiply 81 by 5 and the amount consumed by the average family will be shown. The amount used by such a family is over 400 pounds a year. It is one of the necessities of life, and the price of sugar concerns every citizen, and especially those of small means. The Government taxes all raw sugar imported at the rate of about one cent a pound, and from that tax derives over \$50,000,000 a year. This is the revenue tax. Upon top of that tax is put another cent per pound to protect the Sugar Trust from foreign competition. That extra cent per pound is collected, not by the Government, but by the sugar refiners. This is not all that Congress has done for the Sugar Trust. It has made the test of raw sugar such that all imported raw sugar must either pay the prohibitory tariff or go to the sugar refineries before it can be used. The Sugar Trust, for whose benefit the people of the United States must pay so enormous a tribute, has been convicted of cheating and defrauding the Government by means of false weighing and perjury to the extent of many million dollars. The company has now, after having paid its enormous dividends and \$3,500,000 to the Government in settlement of its frauds, a surplus of \$19,874,000 in its treasury.

In the Congressional investigation on Wednesday a witness, who was formerly secretary of the company, was asked whether he believed that the removal of duties would decrease the price of sugar. The witness said he believed it would "in time." There is no doubt about it whatever. Under the law of 1864 the duty on sugar was from 3 to 5 cents per pound. In 1870 the tax on refined sugar was reduced from 5 cents to 4 cents, and the price of sugar went down 1 cent per pound. In 1883 the tax was reduced one-half cent per pound and the price of sugar declined one-half cent per pound. In a speech delivered in the House of Representatives on May 5 Mr. Warburton, a Republican from the State of Washington, estimated that if sugar were on the free list the people here could buy it at \$1.90 per 100 pounds less than it now costs them, or about as cheap as it sells in England. Last year the consumption in this country was 7,360,000,000 pounds. If Mr. Warburton's estimate is correct, then the tariff on sugar costs the people of the United States \$139,000,000 a year, and of this the Government gets \$52,000,000 and the sugar men get \$87,000,000. In opening up the sugar question the House of Representatives is engaging in an investigation which will vitally interest the people of the country.

**Still Destroyed Near Cumberland and Hermett County Lines.**

Fayetteville Observer, 23d.

Deputy Collector Holland, Messrs. A. F. and J. C. Surlis and ex-Sheriff N. A. Watson went out on a "still" hunt yesterday and bagged a 50-gallon still at MacRae Town, about the Cumberland and Harnett county lines. The party after going a certain distance in vehicles, alighted and had to foot it for 12 miles before finding the still. It had just been carried to the spot where found, and everything was in readiness to begin operations. A large quantity of meal was captured with the still, which was broken up and carried away by the officers.

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**SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS**

On the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. Linscott For the International Press Bible Question Club.

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(Copyright, 1910, by Rev. T. S. Linscott, D. D.) Isaiah's Prophecy Concerning Sennacherib. Isa. xxxvii:14-38.

Golden Text—God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Ps. xli:1.

(1.) Verse 14—What letter was it that Hezekiah spread before the Lord?

(2.) Is it the privilege of every man to spread all his letters, including those which give him trouble, before the Almighty God, and if so, what is the advantage in doing it?

(3.) What if any advantage is there in telling our troubles to God in the house of the Lord, over doing so in our own homes?

(4.) Verses 15-20—Hezekiah tells God in much detail the nature of his troubles. Now what good is it to do that, seeing God knows all about it in any event?

(5.) Why does God not know all about our heartaches and our needs before we tell Him, in the same way as He knows afterward?

(6.) What is the advantage of urging God by all the argument we can think of, as Hezekiah does here, to answer our prayers?

(7.) What effect does the degree of our vehemence, or the extent of our desire, have upon God in answering our prayers?

(8.) Why did not God answer Hezekiah direct, instead of through Isaiah?

(9.) Apparently some men with equal goodness are better able to receive detailed messages from God than others. If this is so, why is it?

(10.) May we rest with absolute certainty in the assurance that having told God our needs, He will supply them? Why?

(11.) What is the reason for believing that no person and nothing can bring ultimate injury to a man, or a cause trusting in God?

(12.) Why are men so foolish as to think they can prevail against God?

(13.) Verse 29—Why does God take injury done to His people as done against Himself?

(14.) Would you go so far as to say that every hurt by word or deed, done against a child of God, is done against God? Give your reasons.

(15.) Give an example of how God restrains the wicked as stated here, "I will put my hook into thy nose, and my bridle in the lips."

(16.) Verses 30-32—As an example of how God rules, and overrules, think of your own blessings, and say how many of them are a result of your own efforts and how many from causes over which you have had no control?

(17.) Verses 33-37—What means did God take to prevent Sennacherib from capturing Jerusalem?

(18.) How did the angels of the Lord slay probably 185,000 of the soldiers of the Assyrian army in one night? (Give some Bible examples of how such things have been done.)

(19.) Verse 38. To what extent is it a rule that men get what they would like to give others and that "They who use the sword perish with the sword?" (This is one of the questions that may be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Lesson for Sunday, July 9th, 1911. The Suffering Servant of Jehovah. Isa. lii:12—lii:12.

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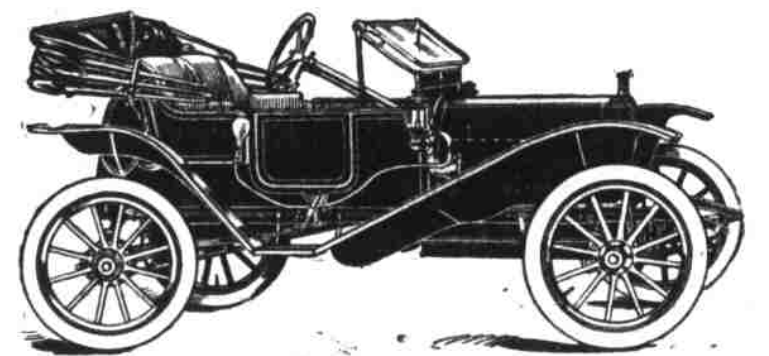
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