

The Farmer Feedeth All.
 My lord rides through his palace gate.
 My lady sweeps along in state.
 The sage thinks long on many a thing.
 And the maiden muses on marrying:
 The minstrel harpeth merrily,
 The sailor ploughs the foaming sea,
 The huntsman kills the good red deer
 And the soldier wars without a fear.
 But fall to each what'er befall,
 The farmer he must feed them all.
 Smith hammereth cheerily the sword,
 Priest preacheth pure and holy word.
 Dame Alice worketh broidery well,
 Clerk Richard tales of love can tell,
 The tap wife sells her foaming beer.
 Dan Fisher fisheth in the mere,
 And courtiers raffle, strut and shine,
 While pages bring the Gascon wine.
 But fall to each what'er befall,
 The farmer he must feed them all.
 Man builds his castles fair and high,
 Whatever river runneth by,
 Great cities rise in every land,
 Great churches show the builder's hand,
 Great arches, monuments and towers,
 Fair palaces and pleasing bowers,
 Great work is done, be't here and there,
 And well men worketh everywhere,
 But work or rest what'er befall,
 The farmer he must feed them all.

Charles G. Leland.

How the Farmer is Affected.

We read with indignation and amazement of the European despotism, where a man is robbed of his honest toil by born aristocrats, who, by the grace of God, as Jefferson expressed it, ride booted and spurred over the rights of the citizens; and yet here, in the afternoon of the nineteenth century, under a republic built through patriotic blood for the protection of the citizens, we find the same tyranny legalized and in full operation.
 I charged, as I charged upon the floors of Congress, that every increase of price which a protective tariff creates is a day of slavery to the laboring population of America; and every hour of unnecessary toil which such tariff takes is stolen from the invaluable store of human responsibility and duty.
 Now, how does this system of increased prices operate on particular industries? Let us see how it affects the farmer, for the agricultural interest is the foundation interest of the United States. It means an increased price of all that the farmer buys. I will not go into the details to show how it affects the price of his furniture, his lumber, his agricultural implements, and all the daily necessities which he and his family require. It is only necessary to say that all he is called upon to purchase is over and beyond what he produces; and I will content myself to give what the ablest and most careful of statisticians has given me, after I had referred this query to his most thorough and accurate investigation. His report to me was that the increased price to the farmer of America exceeds \$600,000,000 a year. Truly a heavy burthen for that hard working and most vital industry to bear! But the farmer is afflicted in a way that will interest all.
 The farmer is obliged to sell his surplus abroad. This surplus is the profit on which this surplus of ours has prospered. Well, he takes his grain to Liverpool to find a market at all; and I will suppose a man in western New York who has produced

a thousand bushels of wheat. He seeks to superintend personally its transportation and sale at Liverpool, so he freights it upon cars to New York, and then on steamer to Liverpool, where he makes his trade. Let us suppose that cloth is what he wants in exchange, and he gives his thousand bushels of wheat for a thousand yards of cloth. He returns with his cloth to New York, and, reaching the custom house, the government official says to him, "Here is a law in the United States which imposes a fifty per cent duty on this cloth, and I will take a pair of scissors and cut off half of your thousand yards." He forthwith cuts off five hundred yards of the fabric, and leaves it there in the custom house. The poor farmer goes home with the other five hundred yards, in return for his one thousand bushels of wheat.
 This is the practical result of a protective tariff. Now suppose we put it in money. Let us estimate his wheat at one dollar a bushel at Liverpool, and the cloth at a dollar a yard, and that the exchange is made on this basis of value. He returns, and the customs house officer says: "Pay me the fifty per cent duty." He pays five hundred yards into the customs house of the United States, and the result is that he has exchanged \$1,000 worth of wheat for \$500 worth of cloth.—Hon. F. H. Hurd, in Belford's Magazine.

A Plain-Spoken Man.

HIS STYLE—
 I'm a plain, uncultivated man, not much inclined to gabbling, though I speak my mind where'er I am, and generally not very low.

HIS CAUTION—
 I wait until the black clouds rift before I venture in a boat; I try to understand the drift of politics before I vote.

HIS STRUGGLES—
 For years I've toiled and struggled hard to keep a roof above my head; I've never drank nor played a card, and yet I haven't got a red.

HIS DAILY TASK—
 From rising of the sun I strive with all my might each blessed day to keep my family alive and drive the hungry wolf away.

HIS THANKS—
 I've no complaint to make of toil; I'm thankful that I've got the health to dig a living from the soil—I prize that more than worldly wealth.

HIS DISGUST—
 Though troubles come to me enough, I seldom grumble, never balk; but I'm disgusted with the stuff that certain politicians talk.

HIS OPINION—
 From morn till night they work their jaws, which seem to be in good repair; to back up their protection cause with cant and lies they fill the air.

HIS ARGUMENT—
 They tell me I must surely vote for tariff high while I've a chance; I show to them my ragged coat, likewise the patches on my pants.

HIS QUESTION—
 They tell me how protection shields the farmer and improves his lands; I ask them why it takes whole fields of wheat to meet our month's demands.

HIS POINT—
 They tell me there is no distress in farm homes throughout this nation; I point them to my poor wife's dress and ask them for an explanation.

HIS CRUSHER—
 That knocks their talk all silly; when they raise the old free-trade alarm, I listen till they're through, and then I show the mortgage on my farm.
 —Chicago Times.

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Philadelphia	6 37
Baltimore	9 42
Washington	11 00
Richmond	2 30 a m
Raigh	1 00

EAST BOUND

Leave Salisbury	11 23 a m
Statesville	12 12 p m
Hickory	1 14
Connelly Springs	1 45
Morganton	2 10
Marion	2 49
Asheville	4 31
Hot Springs	6 10
Morristown	7 30
Knoxville	8 50

Arrive Raleigh 6 35 a m
 6 45
 8 10
 10 05
 12 05
 3 20

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 Pullman Parlor Car between Salisbury and Knoxville.
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Augusta	8 30
Greenville	9 09
Trenton	9 45
Johnston	10 02
Columbia	12 15 p m
Winnsboro	1 10 a m
Chester	2 17
Rock Hill	3 19
Charleston	4 29
Salisbury	6 22
Greensboro	8 00
Richmond	9 30 p m
Washington	8 23
Baltimore	11 25
Philadelphia	3 00 a m
New York	6 20

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Leave New York	8 52
Philadelphia	4 30 p m
Baltimore	6 57
Washington	9 42
Richmond	11 00
Greensboro	2 30 a m
Rock Hill	3 48
Charleston	11 23
Charleston	1 00
Rock Hill	2 02
Chester	2 47
Winnsboro	3 47
Columbia	4 45
Johnston	7 45
Trenton	8 02
Greenville	8 51
Augusta	9 10
Charleston (via S. C. RR)	9 45
Savannah (via Gen'l. R. R.)	10 00 p m

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Leave Columbia	No 17
Washington	4 30 a m
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PASSENGER TRAIN—GOING SOUTH.

Leave Lenoir	8 20 a m
Hillsville	8 41 a m
Saw Mill	8 47 a m
Lovelady	8 55 a m
Hickory	9 05 a m
Newton	10 02 a m
Maydon	10 24 a m
Lincolnton	10 24 a m
Hardins	11 17 a m
Dallas	11 25 a m
Gastonia	11 54 a m
Crowder's Creek	12 16 p m
Cherry	12 35 p m
Yorkville	1 00 p m
Yuthasville	1 28 p m
Gettysville	2 29 p m
Arrive at Chester	2 25 p m

GOING NORTH

Leave Chester	3 32 p m
Lowryville	4 07
Guthrieville	4 27
Yorkville	4 44
Chester	5 14
Crowder's Creek	5 47
Gastonia	5 57
Dallas	6 16
Hardins	6 43
Lincolnton	7 04
Maydon	7 38
Newton	8 01
Hickory	8 40
Lovelady	9 08
Saw Mill	9 24
Hudsonville	9 50
Arrive at Lenoir	10 51

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