

**Pleads for the Protection of Home
Products as Against Those
From the Outside.**

It is interesting to note in this connection that when the Dingley bill was under consideration in the house the schedules were vehemently assailed by the Democratic minority, but their attacks were as vigorously met by the gentleman from New York, the able chairman of the ways and means committee, as well as others. On that occasion he said:

"Now we went at the sugar question with the idea in view to put sufficient duty to give us enough revenue and at the same time to enable us to raise

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The position of the minority, however, in the light of past history, is much more consistent, for they are free traders by tradition and principle. They would go much further than the majority in the recently reducing the tariff of wool, coal, iron, steel, glass, and other important manufactures, so that the industries engaged in the production of these things would be exposed to world competition, regardless of the disastrous effects of such action. The interests affected by this proposed legislation have never been able to count on any assistance or special consideration from the free-trade minority, but

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section I feel certain that not one of their representatives would have any hesitation in voting to maintain the protection vital to the sugar industry. Can we not vote then confidently with the effect properly appeal to the representatives of these powerful states, which have been the greatest beneficiaries of the principle of protection, to unite with the people of protection, to unite with us against this possible destruction to the beet sugar industry? Can they expect to escape unscathed when the fundamental principle which upholds their industries is ruthlessly applied? If the agricultural community is successful with an alien race in a state of semi-civilization, what excuse can be offered for maintaining the tariff without those industries which involve a competition with the generously, comparison, paid labor of Europe?

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