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Dear Sir

I have been for some time an interested reader of "D. Bystander's Notes" in the Chicago Inter-Ocean and have always admired your bold and fearless advocacy of the truths of Republican doctrine, and your able and forcible exposition of the same. and it has occurred to me that you might be able to explain some of the apparent incongruities of our protective tariff system, which effects to shut out the products of

foreign artisans and mechanics from competing with like products in our own markets, and at the same time does not prevent the foreign artisan or mechanic from coming to this country and underbidding our artisans and mechanics and in that manner causing hundreds to throw out of employment, ~~and~~ thereby being a fruitful source of strikes, lock-outs and labor troubles generally.

Several years of study and observation of our tariff system have impelled me to the following conclusion; that it protects the man-  
ufacturers in our nation

from the products of cheaper labor in foreign countries but does not prevent said cheap labor from entering into open competition in our labor market.

It seems to me, that a complete protective tariff or system, worthy of the name, should reflect to protect the mechanic and laborer, as well as the manufacturer and capitalist.

An expression from you through the Inter-Ocean, upon this topic, would be of interest to many readers of that valuable paper.

Respectfully yours  
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