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Dear Sir:-

I have sent letters similar to the one which I recently sent you asking a hundred words on "Why I am a Protectionist" to about one hundred prominent men. Many have sent me very valuable replies, only one or two have declined, and several have adopted your mode of reply by saying "I am a Protectionist because I am an American". Now Mr. Tourgee I think that you will agree with me when I assert that no such answers as these would serve to convert doubtful voters. So I am going to ask you to reconsider your reply and give me at least one hundred words. I saw recently a newspaper article which I have laid away so carefully that I can not find it at the present moment in which there were some very fine expressions from your pen. I would use part of this, but I wish what I use to be directly for the ECONOMIST. I Wonder if you know what a good paper we are publishing here. I am going to send you this week's copy, and hope we may make a constant reader of you.

Very truly yours,



Editor.