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And press the cold, unanswering hand,
Wipe from the brow the dew of death,
And catch the softly fluttering breath,
Breathe the loved name nor hear reply,
In anguish watch the glazing eye!

It is or mine?

Which shall bend over the wounded sod,

My love or I?
Commending the precious soul to God,
Till the deletel fall of the muffled cled
Startles the mind to a consciousness
Of its bitter anguish, and life's distress,
Dropping the pall o'er the love lit past
With a mournful murmur "The last—the last!"

My love or I?

Which shall return to the desolate home, Which shall return to the desolate home,
My love or I?
And list for the step that shall never come,
And hark for a voice that must still be dumb,
While the half-stuuned senses wander back
To the cheerless life and thorny track,
Where the silent room and the vacant chair
Have memories sweet and hard to bear:
My love or I?

Ah then, perchance to that mourner there,
My love or I?
Wrestling with anguish or despair,
An angel shall come through the gates of prayer,
And the burning eyes shall cease to weep,
And the sobs melt down in a sea of sleep,
While fancy, freed from the chains of day,
Through the shadowy dreamland floats away;
My love or I?

And then, methinks on that boundary land,

My love and I?

The mourn'd and the mourner together shall stand,
Or walk by those rivers of shining sand
Till the dreamer, awakened at dawn of day?
Finds the stone of his sepulchre rolled away,
And over the cold, dull waste of death,
The warm, bright sunlight of holy faith,
My love and I:

[for the critic.] EVENTS AND COMMENTS.

The star of Boulanger seems to be in the ascendant. He has recently been elected over the celebrated liquor-dealer, M. Jacques, by an immense majority. Evidently this great victory by the doughty warrior means something more than a revision of the Constitution. He is the embodiment of the man-like spirit of the French people, and if sufficiently elevated, he will become a fee to the French Republic and may attempt to revive the glories of France under the Napoleonic Dynasty. It is to be hoped that the world will never be compelled to witness another war between France and Germany, but if such should ever be the case, the results will, perhaps, be very different from that of 1870. The past military career and prestige of the French troops have never been equalled by the Germans in their palmiest days. The French people were unprepared for their last war with Germany, and "Sedan" may yet prove to be the incitive for them to regain what they lost in their last conflict with her.

It is a sad commentary on the civilization of man, that the principal nations of continental Europe have to waste so much of their time and energy in the art of war. Austria and Germany, with all their boasted civilization, compel their women to toil in the fields, and do the work that should be compel their women to toil in the fields, and do the work that should be done by the strong arm of man. She is a slave without hope. Her condition is far worse than the former slaves of the South, for no "Harriet Beecher Stowe" and "Wilberforce" are permitted to plead her cause. She is so pressed with her work that she has not even time to caress the infant that she takes with her to the harvest field. Yes, Germany, with all her efforts at national supremacy and superiority, forces her women to do the work that their sons and husbands should do, because forsooth, all the able-bodied male population during the best part of their lives must figure in military camps and be in readiness at any moment for the "tocsin of war." If the German Empire has to draw upon the life-blood of her people for the support and Empire has to draw upon the life-blood of her people for the support and safety of the Imperial Throne—then Italy, France and other adjoining countries must follow suit, and so the wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of the soldiers of these countries must toil incessantly in the cornfields and vineyards, in order to keep up the "wrinkled front" of "grim-visaged war."

We are confronted with the word "Protection" in all the discussions on the "Tariff Problem." Let us examine into the question as applied to the tariff on cotton in the United States. "Protection" there means a combination of the few against the many. The cotton manufacturers in that country number about 1005 They are organized, and control the market price at which they sell. The tariff adds an average of over 100 per cent to the cost of cheap foreign cotton goods, and within this margin they advance their prices over legitimate profits. The cotton planters number nearly one million and cannot combine or central the price, which depends on the wants million, and cannot combine or control the price, which depends on the wants of the world. Two thirds of this crop must be sold abroad, and Congress cannot legislate one cont into the cotton planters' pockets, although it can and does legislate over \$50,000,000 yearly into the pockets of the combined 1005 cotton manufacturers. "Protection" then, in Canada as well as in the United States, must and does mean "a combination of the few against the many," it matters not whether in the manufacturing of cotton, woollen or any other fabrics, wares or merchandize.