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UNCLE SAM & BROTHER JONATHAN. {18–20}

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BROTHER JONATHAN—Won't the Homestead affair kill the "Protection" idea?

UNCLE SAM—Why?

B.J.—"Protected" workmen are shot down there.

U.S.—True enough, but so they are in unprotected industries, and so they are in free trade England. The Homestead murders only prove that the workingmen are just as badly off under capitalist "Protection" as under capitalist "Free trade." They are shot down under both. It is Capitalism that commits the murder; IT is the guilty party; IT must go.



UNCLE SAM & BROTHER JONATHAN

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BROTHER JONATHAN—So Dan Harris is now a high tariff Republican; I see he has gone out in the pay of the *Recorder* to report the doings at Homestead. Was he not a Democrat before?

UNCLE SAM—I don't remember what he was "before." But before "before" he was a Tammany man. When Sam Gompers, in pursuit of his style of "independent political action", wanted to run for Senator with the support of the County Democracy in Roesch's district, Dan Harris, as the Roesch Tammany heeler in the labor organizations, opposed Gompers' scheme fiercely. Dan is a "Pure and Simple" you know!

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BROTHER JONATHAN—The *Sun* says that Senator Palmer having declared that “manufacturing establishments must be considered as public institutions” is a Socialist, and, *therefore*, an alien. Can a Socialist not be an American patriot?

UNCLE SAM—The *Sun* is of that breed of natives that hung on the flanks of George Washington’s army, harassing and plundering it, and who were hanged by the dozens as spies, and traitors to their country.

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