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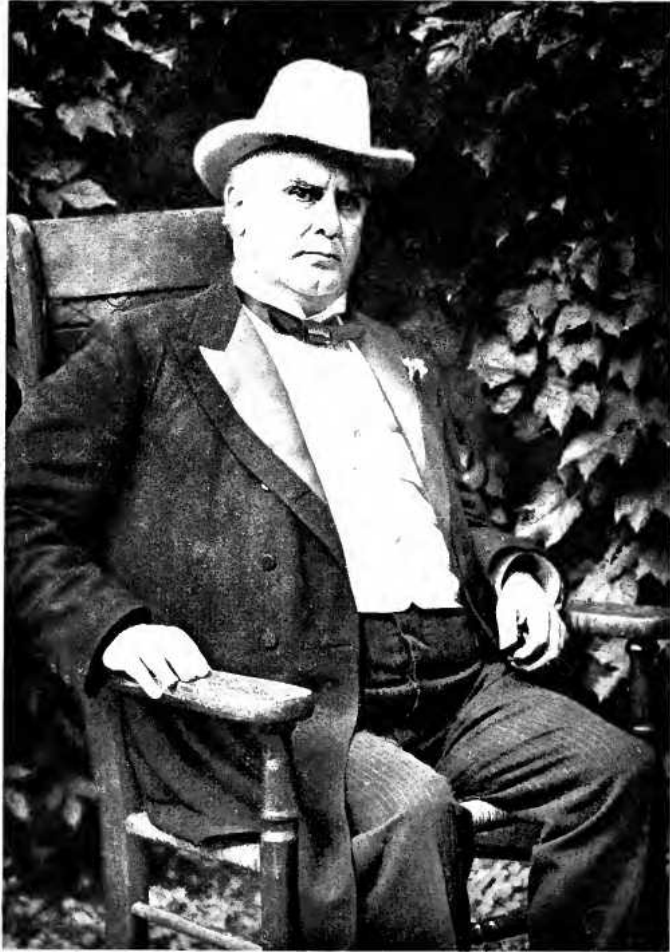
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## CHAPTER I.

### THE TARIFF IN THE DAYS OF HENRY CLAY AND SINCE

HENRY CLAY was conspicuously and always a protectionist. As the acquaintance or friend of many of the founders of the Government, and of their immediate successors in office, he learned from them his early lessons in political economy and statesmanship, and profited by their illustrious example. Born in Virginia in 1777, he had revered Washington with the ardor of youth; had become the clerk and protégé of the learned and venerable Chancellor Wythe; and was inspired to his first oratorical efforts by the splendid eloquence of Patrick Henry. Agreeing with the doctrines of Adams and Hamilton, he yet espoused the cause of Jefferson and entered Congress in 1806, during his second term as President. Intimately associated with that great statesman, he participated with Madison, Monroe, and the younger Adams in the administration of the Government, and for forty years earnestly advocated the great principles for which they in common contended.

As Speaker of the House of Representatives he supported the several protective tariff laws—five in number—enacted from July 1, 1812, to February 5, 1816, which enabled the Government to successfully defray the extraordinary expenses of our second war with England. These laws increased the entire list of duties one hundred per cent.; doubled the rates, and placed a