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{DOMICIO DA GAMA.}

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R IGHT after Domicio Da Gama, the Ambassador of Brazil, had exposed the ignorance of the official circles of this country, by ladies of whom he had frequently been asked: "Is Brazil a colony of Germany?"—right after turning the light upon the intelligence of that set, the Ambassador turned the light upon himself—with equally disastrous effect. He pronounced the principle of the coffee merchants in America of paying for other people's merchandise not the price they ask for it but the price the merchants want to pay for it, a "somewhat arbitrary and quite revolutionary doctrine." According to which opinion the Brazilian coffee plantation owners proceed upon "arbitrary and quite revolutionary doctrine." Our information is to the effect, and the information is reliable, that the owners of coffee plantations in Brazil pay for the merchandise labor-power not the price that the owners of the merchandise, workers, ask for it, but the price that the said plantation owners want to pay for it.

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