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FORCED LABOR OR FREE WORKERS?

APHORISMS AND MAXIMS APROPOS OF ECONOMIC ETHICS

FREEMAN OR SERF?

The fault of "Socialism" is that it takes the outward position of the workman to be more important than his inner attitude, and yet the one is dependent upon the other.

Freeman or serf—it is no longer a question of social position, but of spiritual disposition, the character, the inward state of mind and the outward attitude resulting from it.

He who is not free within cannot be set free from without.

It is not the outward position in the concern but the inward relation to his work which decides for every individual man the question whether he is a free workman or a slave.

WORK DOES NOT HUMILIATE.

He who feels that work is forced upon him, humiliates himself.

Compulsion makes work the curse of life, joy makes it a blessing.

Every task set must be undertaken of the worker's own free will, for in no other way can it be mastered and accomplished.

Work does not humiliate, but the worker can be humiliated by means of his inward attitude to his work.

He who is free within cannot be humiliated by any task. His consciousness of self makes mock of outward compulsion and lets him feel the joy of labor.

There is heavy work and light work, clean work and dirty work, but no humiliating work.

Every task has its necessity and its value.

It is only he who feels himself humbled by his task who is really humiliated and thus confirms his own weakness.

Hercules was still Hercules even when he was cleaning out the Augean stables. But perhaps he could have done something better with his time.

INTEREST AND JOY OF LABOR.

The difference between play and work is that the one is necessary.

There is a difference between the man who has a joy and the man who is obsessed by his joy, a difference and a destiny, but one never conferred undeserved or inflicted without blame.

The significance of work is not only a question of wages. In every kind of work a man can and ought to feel the value of what he is doing and joy in doing it.

Joy in work comes only to those who are aware of their responsibilities and not only out to earn their money.

Labor produces in proportion to the laborer's devotion.

He who does not devote himself to his work cannot resist it. He is at its pleasure but gets