

dividing line between Intelligence and Work, as that one party shall be able to say, We have all the intelligence and must get all the products of toil, except what is just able to keep you, Work, in life? Has she sacrificed Labor in her desire to endow Intelligence? Is the one to be gainful to the other, or does it exist only to oppress its partner in toil? What good things is it possible for cunning or shrewdness to leave, as exchange, in the hands of industry? It is among those ever-changing values whose stability has been all but destroyed by the present mercantile system (undoubtedly a system of the most dangerous communism) that our modern man of business rears his fortune, and when he dies, the pulpit and press applaudingly clap their hands and hold him up, so far as his gains are concerned, as a bright model to the rising generation. But where is the production? What has industry reaped for all that it has given, or rather that has been taken away from it. What has he left behind? A lot of money in his will? or a vast deal of service in the hands of his toiling fellow men? Shall I use my "wit" in taking what does not belong to me? One man, we will say, is engaged within doors in some light pleasant fancy work; or he may be "a professional man" writing a few letters, or sweeping dollars by the hundred into his coffers by the mere stroke of his pen; and he looks down from his window on another toiling in a deep and filthy cavity in the street, clearing away some obstruction which threatens miasma and disease to a whole neighborhood. Who gets the best return? Which of the two *ought* to get the best return? I do not say they ought to change places. Each may be in his right place. All I ask is who should be best paid? The economists are careful to tell us that risk and disagreeableness are important elements in determining prices. Do they determine prices or values in this case, or in ten thousand like it around you every day? We know that it is hand-work which really does pay for all the brain-work which claims and receives payment. As we generally understand the term, payment, it could not otherwise be paid. But there should be an interchange, a true commerce, a just reciprocity, ought there not? None should be burdened. The brains should surely be coming over, by this time, to the side of the hand. If products pay for intelligence, then intelligence should be largely the property of toil. But is it so? If brain takes away the produce of hand, surely hand should get the produce of brain. Industry by this time should be so well taught to do its work as never more to need a teacher. We are fond of talking of our mental labor, and of what we should get for that labor, but it is all simply *thought*. As regards visible products it is not worth a rap till you put out hand and let us see some fruit. I fully believe in brains taking industry by the hand; but, within the range of industrial application, I have as little faith in brains without industry as in industry without brains. Separate them and you destroy them. Can you tell me to what extent intelligence or intellect has itself suffered by being divorced from work? How has society fared? Perhaps we have a weakling, a silly nondescript, where we might have had Spartan brain and vigor. Is not the mutual helpfulness of the family circle to be carried out into the larger circle of general humanity? What if we have hitherto missed a great economic truth in the general constitution of society as a colony of workers? Is it the design of Providence that this great industrial hive is to be helpful to the weak,