

who denied the right of private property. The man who actually puts away his wife causes less injury to society than the preacher who defends divorce or the legislator who legalizes it. The denial of a moral principle or the assertion of a false system by a man of influence entails a multitude of practical applications by individuals in common life; while the simple individual without influence who violates the principle or the law has usually only his own act to answer for. He does not erect his vicious act into the dignity of a dogma or a law and often he does not try to defend it. He sins less directly against God, and gives less scandal to his neighbor. But the habit of impugning the truths of the ideal order, of denying true principles, ends in a disposition to deny the most self evident facts. A false principle must necessarily in its application come in collision with established facts. But what cares the vain, proud, conceited theorist for the facts? His theory must be sustained at all hazards and by all means. The desire leaps over the fact in order to gain its object; the passion to obtain the end blinds the intellect to the illegality of the means. Italy must be united. Here is the theory; here is the desire. But how? Any how! There is