



**SIMONS' WASTING HUMAN LIFE**

The prophets and priests of efficiency have these late days made themselves a good deal of a nuisance to the working class. Most of us have heard of them, — many of us have come directly under their influence. With economy and conservation this matter of efficiency has been preached in our long suffering ears till we have at last begun to take notice.

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This book should be read by every one. As one follows the author's ar-

gument in his piling up of methods and modes of waste one thinks that any capitalist reading this book should be "convicted of sin" and "go away straightway and hang himself." And if he have any sense of humor at all he must realize that, apart from his more sinister aspects, he is a

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