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THE TILLERS OF THE SOIL.

It has been said, and not without a show of reason, that the *social problem* might as well be termed the *agricultural problem*. The *Etudes Religieuses*, July, 1894, p. 387, puts it in this way: "The social problem is the begotten child of industrial progress, which has drained the rural districts to swell the population of great cities. Put a stop to the exodus from the farming lands; bring