

see, depends upon tools or machines) which we have now. To understand how the problem of production has been solved we must briefly view the history of human development.

Hunting Animals.

Our savage ancestors were primarily a hunting people. They had no civilization, as we understand the word. Their mentality was limited. Their tools were crude. They had no written language. They lived on fish and game which they procured with rude hunting weapons, and such edible roots and berries as they could find. Their dwellings were caves and tree tops. The most important things to these hunting tribes were their hunting weapons. The first thing necessary to improve their condition, to make them more secure, to enable them to get a living easier, would be improved hunting weapons. The first inventions were probably along this line. Indeed, we can go further. We can say with **certainty**, on the evidences of primitive hunting weapons belonging to these distant periods, that the first improvement, or, if you refer to use the word, inventions, were in connection with hunting weapons. Each of these improvements being something which enabled these primitive ancestors of ours to obtain more food, or a better living, was something gained, was a victory won for them in their struggle for existence—was a step taken bringing them nearer to a solution of the problem of production.

Domestication of Animals.

Another great advance was made with the domestication of animals. It is hard to say exactly, when or how the lesson was learned that it was better or easier to keep animals in captivity, and