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And this we affirm of labor. It preserves both the  
heart, the head, and the hands, from rust and decay; it  
disciplines and strengthens both our physical and moral  
nature; it teaches man the valuable lessons of patience,  
fortitude, endurance and forbearance; it destroys the sel-  
fish idleness to which he is prone and which only demor-  
alizes and degrades those who indulge in it; and thus  
does it enable him to achieve the most sublime moral vic-  
tories over the selfishness and evil there is in the world.

We wish most earnestly to impress on the workingman  
the importance of this view of our subject, for it is import-  
ant that he should regard the principle of labor as essen-  
tial to the development of human faculties, and as con-  
tributing by his discipline to the elevation of his charac-  
ter, and the advancement of his social condition. Let  
him cease to regard his labor as a degrading necessity,  
and let him view it as an essential and invaluable means  
of disciplining and perpetuating his entire moral and  
physical nature, and then we shall see him extracting  
from his daily toil good, noble, and great principles, such  
as will sweeten his life with hope, faith and true enjoy-  
ment. Even those occupations which are disagreeable in  
their nature, and which involve, to some extent, a painful  
strain on his physical and mental powers, may be render-  
ed subservient to his elevation and dignity, if he will only  
regard the matter in a true philosophical spirit; for he will  
thus learn to subdue himself he will perceive the neces-  
sity of self-denial; he will acquire strength of will and de-  
termination of purpose; he will be enabled to cope with  
difficulties—and to overcome them; and while his own  
character is being thus disciplined and formed, he will feel  
an enlarged benevolence in contributing his share to the  
public weal, and in enduring his portion of the difficulties,  
and disagreeables of life, and thus easing his brother man  
from some of the inevitable evils to which, as an imper-  
fect human being, he is subject.