

Man is an animal. He must eat to live. Cut him off from a food supply and he dies. The struggle for existence was, and even now is, therefore, primarily a struggle to get something to eat; although, in a larger sense, it may be said to have been and to be a struggle to obtain as large a portion as possible of the whole of whatever is produced.

It is not my intention in this little work to go very far back into the history of the human race, to endeavor to trace the descent of man, or to inquire into our relationship with the other members of the animal kingdom. Scientists, who have studied the question, are, it appears, almost unanimously of opinion that the human animal is merely a highly developed type, very closely related to other advanced types. An inquiry into this, however, does not come within our province at the present time.

The struggle for existence has been already presented as a struggle for the primary necessity of life—for food. Now food does not come to man without effort. We must go and find, procure or produce our food before we can eat. The same with clothing and shelter and all the many things we human animals need. They, too, have to be made or produced. The struggle for existence is therefore a struggle to produce—using the word produce in a sense of get, or obtain. The problem the human race have had to solve is, it follows, in the first place a problem of production.

Now it will be readily acknowledged that to-day society, or, to be more correct, the working class can and do produce all that is required to satisfy their material needs. This is possible, because of the vast and wonderful machinery of production. (for production, as you will readily