

that speeding up is all that is necessary if properly graduated, and that enormous time will thus be saved to devote to labor. It is curious that it is not seen that all this speeding up is not alone an accumulator of rent, interest and profits at the one end, with a comparative minimizing of home life and distributed profits to the industrial wage-earner at the other; but further in the degree that the wage-earner's work becomes specialized it is the means by which he becomes unalterably and inextricably fixed to Ixion's wheel in the vortex of labor and is helpless as a child, when the wheels cease turning from an overstocking of the market or the financial cataclysm—induced by war.

I have for many years observed the phenomena of abnormal urban increase in modern so-called progressive countries and with many others have tried to interpret their meaning and predicate their results. Today as I am writing this I have had an illustration of the results of the simplest stage of the process. I am covering my rose bushes for the winter and ask my neighbor's part-time furnace man to help me. I find he is living in an old dwelling with leaky roof, rent free, and looking for odd jobs. He tells me he has been in Canada six years, comes from Cheshire, where he was brought up on a farm till he was fifteen, when his parents died and he went to Manchester. He married, has now a wife and four children. For two years in Canada he worked on a dairy farm near Ottawa; then his wife wanted city neighbors and so he moved to Ottawa. When the war broke out he was making \$11.00 and paying \$4.25 for rent weekly—manifestly within a week without work becoming a pauper. I further recall the events of forty years in the city where I was a student and long resident and today know of almost no prominent wholesale house then doing business, which is in existence today and but few of the sons of the most prominent scholars, physicians or clergymen who have maintained in any degree the position of their fathers. If, however, we examine the situation broadly it does not seem difficult to discover underlying causes, which would seem to account for the widespread results of what we cannot define more exactly than by the term "Degeneration." Dr. Creighton Brown said recently, "The tendency of civilization has been to transfer the burden of breadwinning for the masses of the people from the muscles to the nerves. . . . It is certain that we are more jumpy than we used to be, have to be more on the alert, and so make sharper demands on our nerves, and are prone to those nervous breakdowns that lead to mental disorder. We have been crowding our people into towns, where bustling and nervous agitation are inevitable; we have been bringing up our babies (where we have any) on anything but mother's milk and by the employment of women in many industries have curtailed that family life in which the nervous child best lives and thrives." The notified lunatics of England increased in fifty years by over 262 per cent. while the population