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II. Emigration from an American Standpoint: the Chinese Question.

THE gigantic and seemingly interminable struggle between labour and capital promises to be as cosmopolitan as it is protracted. For many generations it has been fiercely and uncompromisingly carried on in England, its latest culmination being the now celebrated South Wales strike. It has caused the development of Communism, Socialism, and the doctrines and practices of the *Société Internationale* in Europe. It has embraced with its ramifications the United States and Canada, ushering into existence the whole troublesome paraphernalia of Trades' Unions, nine hours movements, and strikes. Labour is naturally scarce on this continent, population not treading, as yet, very closely on the heels of subsistence. The labourers are, therefore, the better enabled to carry on the struggle with a measure of success which their European *confreres* may envy, but cannot hope to attain to. The capitalists are comparatively at their mercy, and it is not at all surprising that in their strait they should eagerly strive to increase, by every means in their power, the supply of labour in the country. To do so was the object of those who, generations ago, commenced the importation of negroes from Africa, and attempted to enslave the American Indians; and to do so is the grand aim of those who are now, and have for some time past, been engaged in the importation of Chinese, or what is popularly