

The lesson is plain, fellow-workers, so we call on you to join with us in our mission of awakening and educating the working class to their slave position in Society, so that the day may soon dawn when we will be able to throw aside the chains which bind us and stand forth FREE MEN.

THE MODERN JUPITER

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In Roman mythology, Jupiter was "the supreme deity, King of Gods and men." Temples were built in his honor, a multitude of ceremonies and bedevilements indulged in, oceans of blood shed and millions of lives sacrificed for his glory and aggrandisement and in grateful acknowledgment of the beneficence and splendor of his reign.

Of course he was a hoax, a senseless fraud, as all the rest of the mythological and speculative phantasmagoria of the ages has been, but the stunts done in his name would do credit to the power and reputation of any other of the vicious gods that have been hatched from the elastic imaginations of the world's most cunning knaves and unscrupulous rogues.

We have been afflicted with other Gods since Jupiter's time. In fact, each section of the polyglot tribe known as man has a more or less numerous assortment of its own, and endowed with every attribute from virtue superlative to cussedness sublime.

Of all the deities allotted upon human kind, either through ignorance or maliciousness, the God that rules the world today is the most absolute and reckless in his rule. His domain is as wide as the earth, and his power so sweeping and overwhelming that he is pushing into oblivion all other gods that have come down to us as heirlooms from the past, however sacred and precious they may be.

Capital is the God that rules the world today, and with an iron hand. While capital, in itself an abstract thing—a term used to signify a certain social relation existing between different parts of that organized body known as human society—is little less a myth than was Jupiter of old, or his illustrious predecessors as well as successors in the God line, his rule is, however, more cruel, merciless, and complete than that of any God, either before Jupiter or since.

The world's colossal industrial plant is the temple