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The Hobo.

years ago there were no tramps in gives the other side of the question. America. The first tramps came after You believe things about Socialism

fighters. These have economy down changed their minds about it. to a fine point. In the summer they And you will do the same, if you and easily.

day. Sometimes they work for a few reason?-Ibid. weeks, and in that time make enough to keep them all the year. This is the professional hobo. He is not the bum and beggar of other days, with his gate posts, but a man who has learned to beat the system at its own game by ble to gratify the wander-lust under like the young lady angler. the present system, and by workmen lords of the machine.

On the other hand, the railroads excursions?" are killing the hoboes at the rate of ten thousand a year, and society is warring on its own product by rundenouncing those minor vermin, while liniment."

feasting the big fellows who cost it so much more. The hobo is a strange product of the system. Some day, when the heathenish ways of society are ended, he will disappear, and then he will be studied as a strange type, a victim whose tragedy will then be written, and whose resources and sufferings will be themes of romance and poetry.—Appeal to Reason.

Are You Reasonable?

You learned the multiplication table by keeping your mind on it, didn't you? Did you ever learn anything: any other way? Time is an essential means in getting knowledge of anything, because the mind must have time to absorb or get at the thing. That is the reason that you learn a trade or business only by experience; by the time you expend trying to master it. The less intense or exclusive thought given to it, the longer it takes to learn.

Yet I hear many condemn Socialism who never gave it a moment of earnest thought, trying to comprehend what they condemn. Some men honestly believe that they know what Socialism is, because they have read that it means dividing up property, that it kills incentive to progress, takes from the industrious and gives to the lazy, destroys the home, and many other things. Yet they have never read a book explaining what it is by one who has given it study-by one who A hobo convention was recently believes in it. It matters not how held in New York. The hobo is a many books they read against it, if peculiar product of capitalism. Forty they will but read something that

the panic, and they were literally taught you by the capitalist papers, tramps or trampers, walking from politicians and preachers, that are just place to place, seeking work. But as far from the truth as anything conmany learned something by their en- cerning which you have been informed forced idleness. They found that it by its enemies. Even in this country was possible to live without work, or you know that the tories—supporterswithout much work, and to travel of King George-denounced the revoover and see the country without any lutionary fathers as being murderers, anarchists and incendiaries. But were They became dead beats—capitalist they? The hundreds of thousands in method to a very limited degree, in of voters in this country who that they live off of others without voted the Socialist ticket this working themselves; but a million of fall did not, at one time, believe in them are not as severe a drain on the Socialism, and had a very poor opinion resources of the worker as one Rocke- of it, if they had any opinion of it at feller or Carnegie or Morgan or Ryan, all, until they investigated and gave Many of the hoboes are good mechan- their minds the opportunity to underics, and not all of them are booze stand what it really is. Then they

wander over the country, living lives are not too cowardly to permit the of ease, going hungry part of the time, witnesses for the other side of the case and begging hand-outs other times, to appear before your court of reason. catching and roasting fish, helping If you work at anything useful for a themselves to fruit, and living simply living, it is to your interest to have Socialism prevail; and you will be con-In the winter they seek the cities, vinced of that if you will study and where they can obtain a bed for a learn what Socialism would do, and dime and a meal for the same; and so how it proposes to do it. Are you they live on thirty or forty cents a reasonable, or lacking the ability to

Charity,

Upton Sinclair, in an address becabalistic signs decorating depots and fore a body of Chicago Sodialists, said of charity:

"The average charity, the charity crawling under its feet. To be sure, of the rich, seems rather futile to me. his ranks are always being augmented The rich oppress the poor enormously; by boys eager for adventure, and una- then they help them slightly. It is

"Why," said a man to this young thrown out of employment by the lady, "do you always carry a bottle of liniment with you on your fishing

She sighed. "I am so sorry," she said plaintively, "for the poor little fish. And so, ning them from towns, jailing them, when I take one of them off the hook, making peons of them, and generally I always rub its cut mouth with some

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