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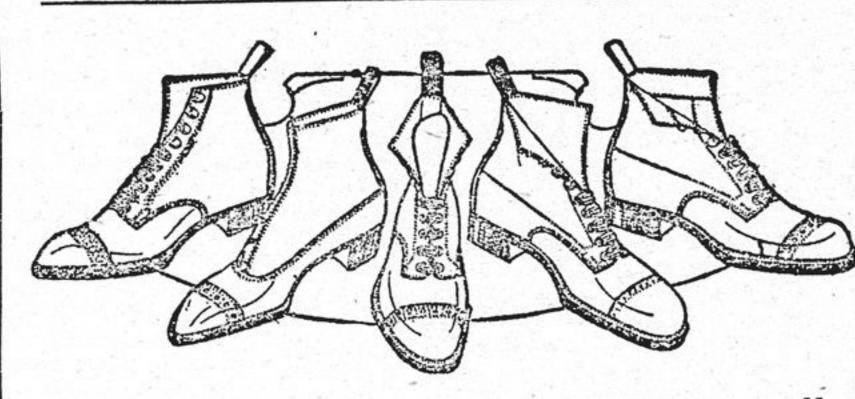


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Exit Glass-Blower.

One by one the crafts of highly skilled workmen, like Othello, awake from a lethargic sleep, to find their occupation gone. What was once regarded by them as impossible is, as if by magic, suddenly changed into reality; and it is only when these startling changes come, threatening their means of existence, that these self-satisfied workers become active in the cause of labor. In this day of invention the skilled mechanic, the hand tool worker, is being rapidly displaced by the machine; and this wonderful piece of mechanism, geared to its highest capacity, has a productive power equal to that of six, eight or a dozen skilled workers.

The last of the highly skilled to be thus rudely awakened are the glass- quetion as follows: bottle blowers. These workmen, skill- "How much is he compelled to lawhooped 'em up for a high protective varies according to the ratio of that tariff and the g. o. p. Then they dozed which he is forced to yield up and off for another four years. But things that which he is allowed to retain." have changed. The machine invaded Under the prevailing capitalist sysin his pockets.

Not only this, but this machine does, ing bread for their families. at a labor cost of six cents, what the ion eliminates competition between his family. the worker and the machine.

the trust-the American Glass Co. These machines are not for sale, nor are they put out on royalty; instead, however, the trust erects its own plants and installs its own machines. are not to be found.

open to these workers:

lots to the republican and democratic parties, exploiters of the working class. This will insure them a permanent. right of way on the cinder path.

Second, join the Socialist party, theparty of their class; vote and work for the collective ownership of the means of life; become proprietors of their own jobs; receive the full value of their toil. Then it will be in no man's power to close the factory door in their faces, and put them in enforced idleness to starve, steal or become dependent upon bitter charity.

It's your move, Mr. Glass-blower! Which road will you take ?- Appeal to Reason.

What is Slavery?

Herbert Spencer answered this

ed, highly paid—as compared with bor for other benefit than his own; other labor-slumbered in calm con- and how much can he labor for histent; except quadrennially, when they own benefit? The degree of slavery

the bottle-blowing domain. The blow- tem the wage slave is robbed without er, once the most prosperous and inde- knowing it. He is paid his wage, and pendent of wage workers, will soon takes it for granted that he has rewalk the streets, with only his hands ceived what is due him. Sad mistake!" The wage he is paid represents but a The new invention, known as the small part of the value of his product; Owens machine, not only blows bot- upon the average not twenty per cent... tles, but, equipped with a "sucker," The capitalist employer takes a largegathers its own glass. Wonderfully part of the value created by each of delicate in mechanism, complex in con- the laborers in his employ. The wage struction, yet so simple of operation workers are compelled to yield up the that an unskilled apprentice boy can greater part of what they produce to do the work of six skilled blowers. their masters for the privilege of earn-

THIS IS SLAVERY, the very essence manufacturer now pays the blower a of slavery, and it varies only in the dollar and twenty-eight cents for do- ratio of the share the worker has toing-a difference of \$1.22 in favor of give to his master in the form of surmachine-blown bottles. This tremen- plus value for the opportunity of secdous difference in the cost of product- uring a wage to keep starvation from

All wage workers are slaves. Let. The patents covering the Owens this sink into their brains and it will machine are owned and controlled by not be hard for them to understand Socialism.—Ibid.

Breaking Up the Home.

A London press dispatch says that This means that when the trust reach- there is a brisk traffic in Italian chiles a capacity sufficient to supply the dren, in young girls and boys, who demand for bottles, the independent are sold by their starving parents and manufacturers, those employing hand taken to seaport towns in Europe, labor, will be forced to close their where they are employed by a syndidoors or go into bankruptcy. This is cate as beggars, getting only a small the condition which confronts the 10,- portion of what they solicit. They-000 glass blowers who will soon hit are illy fed and badly clothed, and if the cinder path in quest of jobs which | they do not bring in sufficient revenue to suit the padrones they are merci-There are two roads—only two— lessly beaten. Thus is the profit system breaking up the home and pur-First, to support capitalism, as they posely degrading the children in the have in the past, by giving their bal- interest of profits.—Ex.

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