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### Simplicity.

Suppose we were going to have a meeting in the middle of a sunny afternoon in the leading hall of your city. The windows were heavily shuttered and the place was in utter darkness. Suppose that we could not get any light whatever. Electricity was at a discount, gas fixtures were not installed, and there was not a candle in town. What would you think of me if I suggested that you call in a number of men to bring in spades and shovels and shovel out the darkness, so that they could afterwards shovel in the light? You would think me a fit subject for a lunatic asylum, wouldn't you? You would cry "Open the shutters and let the light in, and the darkness will disappear."

That is what we need to do in the Socialist movement to-day. It is possible for a Socialist to become too scientific. Some comrades have been so deeply immersed in the study of this great question that they have forgotten that the rest of the world still needs converting, and that the average working man has not had time to dig into the different phases of the question. Socialism is still a matter of education. It will not be imposed upon anyone. Great numbers of people do not understand the scientific terms. We still need to open the shutters and let the light in; and the best way is to simplify our talk, so that the man on the street can understand us. It is a very simple matter to show a man that his wages do not represent what he has really produced. Countless illustrations may be used. Then you can lead him to see that there are only two classes of people making up society. He quickly grasps the idea that there are those who do everything and get very little, and those who do nothing and get nearly everything. Strikes and boycotts simply illustrate class wars, but they serve to show that underneath all the great class struggle is going on, and the capitalist class are drawing the reins tighter. From this line of argument you can proceed to show that the way a people get their living determines how they live. Thus in a simple way you have illustrated three of the cardinal doctrines of scientific Socialism. Yet if you begin to speak to many people about surplus value, class consciousness and economic determinism, you are making use of terms which are like so much Greek.

The great need of the Socialist movement is for men who can keep to the class struggle. The amount of knowledge you have acquired is of no use to the movement, unless you have also learnt how to impart it to the man who has not had your opportunity. The important thing is to make other people think. It is not what a

man knows, but what he actually does, that counts. The average man is amenable to a simple argument where he will try to find a flaw in a learned treatise, or dismiss it altogether from his mind. There are very few men so unlettered that they cannot recognize the wisdom of that which is socially produced and socially used being socially owned. Put yourself in the other fellow's place, and present it to him from his own view. Plain talk will win, but mere verbosity will repel.—Sam Atkinson in Cotton's Weekly.

### Law For The Rich.

For weeks an army of deputies of the sergeant at arms of the house of representatives surrounded the several residences of William Rockefeller, brother of John D., trying to serve a summons upon him to appear before the Pujo committee of congress investigating the money trust. These deputies did not dare to invade Mr. Rockefeller's domicile to serve the summons of law. They had to wait, watch and pray for an opportunity to serve the papers on the mighty man when it suited his majesty's pleasure to be so served. Tremblingly the deputies approached his palace and awaited the coming of the multi-millionaire, who in the meantime was sailing the sea in his private yacht.

These deputies, in the name of the law, murder working men and women and children on strike for bread, but when a Rockefeller is to be served with even a polite summons these same deputies are the most abject lickspittles on earth, and get down on their bellies in the dust at the feet of their lords and masters. The fact that the Rockefellers are summoned at all is due wholly to the education and agitation of the Socialist movement. Ten years ago congress would not have dreamed of summoning their imperial majesties to appear before a mere investigating committee of congress, but the people have been so thoroughly stirred up by the Socialist propaganda, and they are showing such unmistakable signs of waking up, that the politicians are compelled to make some show of getting after the rich rascals who have monopolized everything but the air we breathe, and have more real power over their subjects than any set of kings or czars on earth.—Appeal to Reason.

Capitalism compels people to starve in the midst of plenty.

Many truths are disagreeable to those whose robbery is legalized.

The first commandment of capitalism: "Thou shalt not be found out."

Abraham Lincoln said, "Thank God we have a system of labor in which there can be a strike."

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