





THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

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One of the points for which the Socialist is perhaps more often demanded than any other is his continuous maintenance of the position that social advances are secured through the struggles of classes with opposing interests.

It has thus come about that most of our so-called history has been only the story of the actions and beliefs of the ruling classes.

Even to-day the tendency to consider the dominant class as all there is of society is seen in the form of many popular expressions.

Let us now examine these classes and see if anything can be found in their history that will aid us in determining their future function.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

[Correspondents who prefer to appear in print under an assumed name, will attach such name to the communication, besides their own signature and address. None other will be recognized.]

To THE PEOPLE:—In a recent issue, THE PEOPLE had a poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox. The poem was a demand upon the Goddess of Liberty in New York harbor to answer certain pertinent questions.

GODDESS OF LIBERTY, ANSWER! Goddess of Liberty, listen! Listen! I say, and look To the sounds and sighs of sorrow

Goddess of Liberty, follow! Follow me where I lead! Come down into the sweat-shop

Goddess of Liberty, answer! How can the slaves of Spain Find freedom under your banner?

Full well I see the suffering I hear their woeful cry Look down upon their offspring

Go thou among the lowly Tell them that sure, and slow, Emancipation starts

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LETTER BOX.

Off-hand Answers to Correspondents.

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S. BOSTON, MASS.—Your article very well covers both the present condition of the shoe trade and the fix of the fakirs

JOHN J. KINNEY, CLEVELAND, O.—The article you sent for publication to this office and that now appears in the "Citizen"

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—Correspondents are again requested to be particularly careful in the writing of names.

C. D. BOSTON, MASS.—When THE PEOPLE received by mail 50 copies of the half

M. H. WESTPORT, MO.—There are two things in your letter that utterly bewilders us.

F. J. DENVER, COLO.—Let's have the matter; even if not published, it will be good information.

B. JERSEY CITY, N. J.—The amendment of the National Union for the Cigar-makers' International Union, to abolish the out-of-work benefit, commented upon in our last issue, is down to August 12, endorsed

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