

## Work of Auguste Blanqui 1834

# Who needs to eat soup

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The wealth comes from labor and intelligence, soul and life of humanity. But these two forces can act only with a passive element, the ground, they implement their combined efforts. It seems that this crucial element should belong to all men. It is not.

Individuals were captured by ruse or violence of the common land, and declaring them the owners, they have established laws that would forever be their summer, and that such ownership would become the basis of social constitution, that is to say that he would prevail, and could absorb all need human rights, even of life, he had the misfortune to be in conflict with the privilege of a few.

This property right was extended by logical deduction, soil and other instruments, the accumulated products, designated by the generic name of capital. Now, as the capital of sterile themselves, do bear fruit by labor, and, on the other hand, they are necessarily the raw material crafted by social forces, the majority, excluded from possession, is sentenced to hard labor for the benefit of the propertied minority. Instruments or the fruits of labor do not belong to workers, but the idle. The epicormic branches absorb the sap of the tree, at the expense of fertile branches. The hornets eat honey created by bees.

This is our social order, founded by conquest, which has divided the population into winners and losers. The logical consequence of such an organization is slavery. He did not wait. Indeed, soil, deriving its value as the culture, the privileged have concluded the right to own land, to own as human cattle that fruitful. They first considered as a supplement to their fields and, ultimately, as personal property, independent of the soil.

However, the principle of equality, engraved at heart, and conspiring with the centuries to destroy, in all its forms, exploitation of man by man, struck the first blow to property rights sacrilege , breaking domestic slavery. The lien must be reduced to have the men, not as

loose, but annex building and inseparable from the building territory.

In the sixteenth century, a resurgence of murderous oppression leads black slavery, and even today the inhabitants of earth have to be French men as well as clothes and horses. Besides, there is less difference than it seems at first between the social condition of the colonies and ours. It is not after eighteen centuries of war between privilege and equality that the country, the main theater and a champion of this fight could withstand the brutal slavery in its nakedness. But the fact is without the name, and the right property, to be more hypocritical in Paris and Martinique, there is no less intractable, no less oppressive.

The servitude, in fact, not merely to be the thing of man or the serf of the soil. That man is enslaved, deprived of the tools, remains to thank you who are privileged holders. It is this state which feeds the revolt. To avert the danger, we try to reconcile Cain with Abel. The need of capital as a working tool, is struggling to enter the community of interest, and thereafter the solidarity between the capitalist and the worker. What phrases artfully embroidered on canvas fraternal! The sheep are shorn for the good of his health. It redoit thanks. Our Aesculapius know gild the pill.

These homilies are still the dupes, but little. Each day brighter light on the alleged association of the parasite and its victim. The facts have their eloquence they prove the duel, the duel to the death between income and wages. Who will succumb? Question of justice and common sense. Let.

No society without work! starting point of idlers who have need of workers. But what need the workers have the idle? The capital is productive it in their hands, only if they do not belong? I suppose the proletariat, deserting en masse, go up shop and bring his labors in some distant trimming. He died accidentally in the absence of its masters? The new company could not constitute itself as creating the lords of the land and capital, delivering a caste of idle possession of all the instruments working? Is there a mechanism that possible social division of owners and employees?

However, how many would be curious to see the wealth of our proud lords, abandoned by their slaves! What to do with their palaces, their workshops, their empty fields? Starvation in the midst of these riches, or to dress down, take the pick and sweat humbly turn on any piece of land. How do they cultivate in them all? I imagine that these gentlemen would be off in a sub-prefecture.

But a nation of thirty-two million souls does not withdraw more on Mount Aventine. Let us take the opposite case, more feasible. One morning, the idle, new Bias, evacuate the soil

of France, which remains in the hands laborious. day of happiness and triumph! What a huge relief to many millions of hearts, freed from the crushing weight! As the host breathes lustily! Countrymen, sing in chorus the song of deliverance!

Axiom: the impoverished nation of the loss of a worker, it is enriched by that of an idler. The death of a rich man is a blessing.

Yes The ownership declines. The generous spirits and call prophesy his downfall. The principle Essene Reality slowly since the mine eighteen centuries by the successive elimination of easements that formed the foundation of his power. He disappeared one day with the latest privileges that provide shelter and reduced. The present and the past we guarantee this outcome. Because humanity is never stationary. It moves forward or backward. Its progressive course leads to equality. Its retrograde back through all degrees of privilege, including slavery staff last word of property law. Before we go back, certainly, European civilization would have perished But what cataclysm? A Russian invasion? It is the North, however, which will itself be invaded by the principle of equality that the French lead to the conquest of nations. The future is not questionable.

Let me say straight away that equality is not sharing again. The endless fragmentation of land would not change anything in the bottom right of ownership. The wealth from the possession of instruments of labor rather than the work itself, the genius of the operation, remained standing, not soon, the reconstruction of large fortunes, restore social inequality.

The association, in place of individual ownership, build only the reign of justice through equality. Hence the growing enthusiasm of men of the future to identify and highlight elements of the association. Maybe we also will bring our troops to the common work.

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