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PREFACE

WE ought to know how a nation earns its living , and the lessons that follow bear upon this important topic The writer is fighting for no particular cause. He does not offer a number of ready-made opinions for consumption He hopes, on the contrary, he has made it clear that an opinion to be worth anything must be the product of much knowledge and much clear thinking He would, indeed, be sorry if he has suggested that economics is an easy subject to study , so easy that the reading of an elementary book like this will enable one to pass judgment on the problems incident to the material well-being of the nation

The aim throughout has been this—to give the learner a wish to think upon those problems and some material to think upon. Each lesson has its exercise. The exercise calls for more than a paraphrase of part of the lesson , it calls for independent thought. At any rate it has been devised to do this. If it does not, it fails as an exercise.

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