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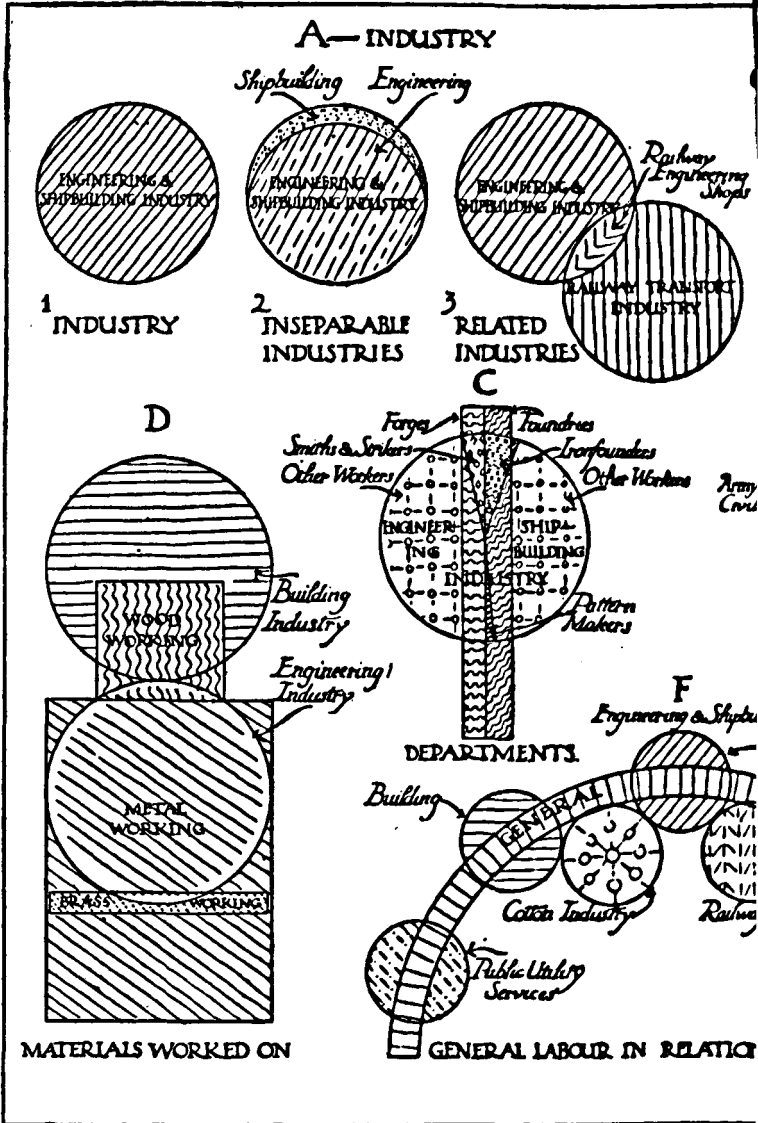
PREFACE

EARLY in 1918 I wrote " An Introduction to Trade Unionism " in the form of a Report for the Labour Research Department. The book went on selling, though it soon became largely out of date during the period of rapid development which came after the War. Then followed the trade slump, bringing further big changes in Trade Union organisation. Now a period of greater stability seems to have been reached, and I have taken the opportunity of re-writing the whole book, and bringing it thoroughly up-to-date. Most of my figures relate to 1923, or, where this was impossible, as in the case of the official statistics, to the end of 1922. The record of facts goes up to June, 1924. What I now present to my readers is not a mere revision of my old book, but practically a new book, in which certain sections of the old are incorporated in a substantially altered form. That so drastic a re-writing should become necessary after six years is a measure of the rapidity of the changes through which British Trade Unionism has passed. I have aimed at presenting, in the Appendices, a handy statistical guide to Trade Union organisation as it is to-day.

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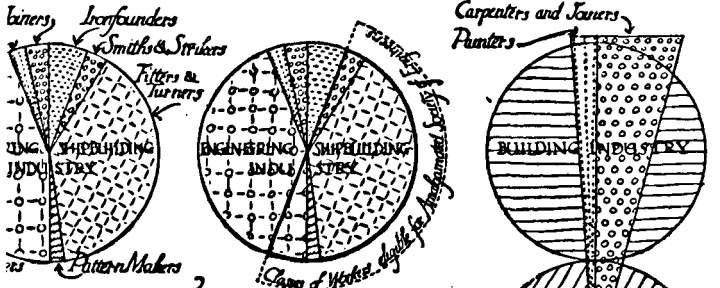
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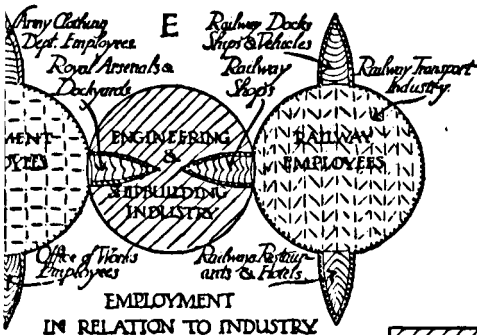
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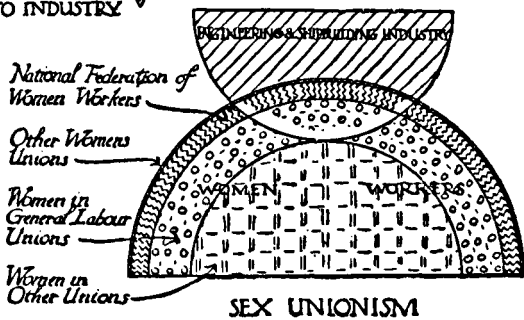
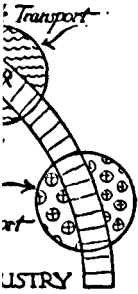
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