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## INTRODUCTION

IT is, regrettably, a matter of common knowledge that I exist only for the Single Tax. My best friends look pained when they observe my lips framing the word "land"; others move rapidly in another direction when they see me approach lest, like the ancient mariner, I distract them from their dinner, by a dissertation on the law of rent. I have, therefore, devised this sandwich, having had sufficient adventure to play bread and mustard to the political meat. And, indeed, many casual readers may well slide into and right through a political article without ever discovering that there is a snag at all. So well do we learn to disguise our aims.

My conscience compels me to confess that two of the chapters were not written by me. I do not feel called upon to particularize the subjects. Let my readers guess! They are the best of the bunch, but nobody will ever claim them.

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