

# PROGRESS AND POVERTY

AN INQUIRY INTO THE CAUSE OF INDUSTRIAL  
DEPRESSIONS AND OF INCREASE OF WANT  
WITH INCREASE OF WEALTH

## THE REMEDY

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TO THOSE WHO,  
SEEING THE VICE AND MISERY THAT SPRING FROM  
THE UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION  
OF WEALTH AND PRIVILEGE,  
FEEL THE POSSIBILITY OF A HIGHER SOCIAL STATE  
AND WOULD STRIVE FOR ITS ATTAINMENT

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Make for thyself a definition or description of the thing which is presented to thee, so as to see distinctly what kind of a thing it is, in its substance, in its nudity, in its complete entirety, and tell thyself its proper name, and the names of the things of which it has been compounded, and into which it will be resolved. For nothing is so productive of elevation of mind as to be able to examine methodically and truly every object which is presented to thee in life, and always to look at things so as to see at the same time what kind of universe this is, and what kind of use everything performs in it, and what value everything has with reference to the whole, and what with reference to man, who is a citizen of the highest city, of which all other cities are like families; what each thing is, and of what it is composed, and how long it is the nature of this thing to endure.

—*Marcus Aurelius Antoninus.*