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tion of New York, he explains the development of the law of that State as evidenced by legal decisions. Regarding the strike, he finds two judicial periods: that preceding 1890, when the strike was held to be unlawful, or to be limited by the law to demands for higher wages; and that subsequent to 1890, when through the interpretation of new statutes, a greater range for the strike was judicially conceded. All strikes were at first held to be unlawful as conspiracies; but this theory was judicially modified when in 1867 an attempt was made to apply it to an employers' organization. Then came labor legislation, under which the courts have recognized the doctrine that in the absence of violence or intimidation no strikes are unlawful.

In the course of his outline of legal decisions, Dr. Groat refers to Chief Justice Savage's opinion in the famous Fisher case, of 1835, as containing a peculiar "mixture of sense and nonsense." Perhaps it would not have been appropriate to introduce a Massachusetts case into this discussion of New York decisions; but if only for the contrast, Dr. Groat might have been

excused for setting off the decision of Chief Justice Shaw, of about the same date, and in a case "on all fours" with the Fisher case, against Chief Justice Savage's "mixture of sense and nonsense." The Shaw decision gives one an impression that if this great judge had sat in Savage's place at the trial of the Fisher case, labor law in New York might have run for the past 70 years in a different current. As it is, to compare Shaw's opinion with Savage's is to conclude that Dr. Groat has been generous in discerning even a modicum of sense in the nonsense of the Fisher case.

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—The Philosophy of Egoism. By James L. Walker. Denver: Katharine Walker, Denver. To be reviewed.

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