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These are only some of the items of labor-saving invention noted in one week in one department of invention. What can protection do to resist this tendency? The conclusion is inevitable. If the working classes stick to the protective idea the forces of invention, every year accelerating, will grind them to powder. Only one thing can save them, and that thing is the reverse of protection - it is freedom. There is no salvation for labor in forming trades unions and entering into unequal contests with men who own the means of labor. Its only salvation is in the assertion of natural rights. A man with only the power to labor is an utterly helpless creature. But God never made a man with only the power to labor. Before He made man He made the earth - for men.

Signed: Henry George.
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