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1. No one questions Germany’s capacity in the creation of wealth, but that in this she is so far ahead of other people is not true. German chemistry has been able to create from a barrel of tar, products worth ultimately approximately $100, but this is distinctly less than $10,000. While a ton of watch springs is worth many times the value of the pig iron from which they are made, no great fortunes have been created in the manufacture of watch springs, on account of the limited outlet, and in the same way the German coal tar industry is, as modern industries go, a relatively small one.

2. The industrial and theoretical development of science has not been made mostly by Germans. Civil, Mechanical and Mining Engineering have their early great development in England: Chemistry and Physics in England and France; and Biology almost entirely in France. Without our instant forgetting the great debt owed— to German scientific achievement, failure to credit the work of such men as Watt, Stevenson, Landel, Faraday, Pasteur, Kelvin, Gibbs and many others, is an unpardonable overstatement.

3. The claim in elimination of the rate there is little competition with other nations, is due to ignorance. American manufacturers are just as ready to eliminate waste as the Germans, and fully as successful in their methods. The packing industry as developed in Chicago and elsewhere in this country is probably the world’s best illustration of waste elimination. Industry, however, will never willingly eliminate waste where the elimination costs more than the value of the recovered product. For instance, the reason why water power development in this country progresses so slowly, is the fact that most places coal power is cheaper. The recovery of material things in Germany is carried farther than here because of cheaper labor. Germany has her rate, a terrible waste of labor, a burden of toll, monotonous, and severe with little return in comfort and the satisfactions of life. The writer can never forget the sight of the peasant men and women along the roads and in the fields of Germany, stooped under heavy loads and old before their time; nor the appearance of the streets and villages of Silesia, where literally scores of men did the work which in similar plants in this country is done by machinery, controlled by two or three mechanics.

The conservation of material things is less important than the conservation of human energy, and the development of human opportunity.

4. Literacy is not synonymous with intelligence, and it is probably that the American workman, even including our large foreign born pop-

ulation, is more intelligent than the German of the same class.

5. The writer profoundly respects the law-abiding character of the German people, and hopes to see the development of something of the same spirit among us, but is sure the less the less true it is that this quality in the Germans is not an unmixed good, but that the German people pay for it too great a price in the sacrifice of personality and individuality.

These statements are in no wise intended to disparage German achievement and German culture, but on the other hand the worship of things German carried to excess is repugnant to the well poised mind.

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