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To MY WIFE AND DAUGHTERS.

Preface.

IN preparing this work, I have made frequent and generous use of the results of official investigations which have been carried out under my own direction. They comprehend the work of more than twenty-five years; and as they cover many features of the present volume, I have felt justified in using them more freely than other official publications. The reports of the various State bureaus of statistics of labour offer a vast amount of valuable but cumulative material along the very lines of my own investigations. I have also drawn freely from lectures on social economics delivered at the Catholic University of America and at other institutions, and free use has also been made of articles that I have published in various magazines. The editors and publishers of *The Forum*, *North American Review*, *Popular Science Monthly*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *The Chautauquan*, *Munsey's*, *The Bulletin of the Catholic University of America*, *Annals of the American Academy*, and *The Journal of Sociology of the University of Chicago*, have generously given their consent for the use of articles or portions of articles that have appeared in those periodicals. The charts and diagrams have been reproduced from the reports of the Eleventh Census, with the kind permission of Hon. CORNELIUS N. BLISS, Secretary of

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It is not intended that the "Outline of Practical Sociology" should be exhaustive; there are many great questions, such as taxation, the finances, etc., which have not been included, because they will come more appropriately in other volumes of the "American Citizen Series." The references given at the head of each chapter could have been greatly increased in number, but it was deemed advisable to give simply those that are most accessible.

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