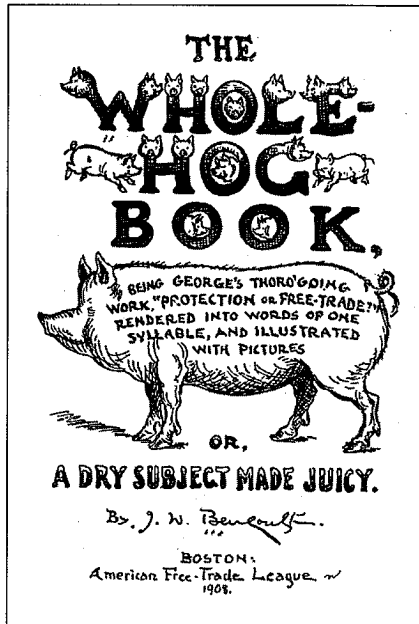


The Whole Hog Book

Richard Biddle of Pennsylvania, who enjoys collecting single tax memorabilia of various sorts, recently located a quarry he had long sought: the very rare sequel to John W. Bengough's *The Up-to-Date Primer: A First Book of Lessons for Little Political Economists, in Words of One Syllable with Pictures*. That little book, published in 1895, was a delightful re-telling of the admirably simple truths of *Progress and Poverty*.

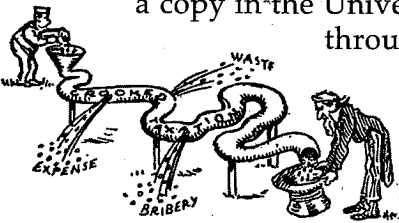
It is generally forgotten that Bengough went on to write a second title for little political economists. *The Whole Hog Book, or, A Dry Subject Made Juicy*, published in 1908 by the American Free Trade League in Boston, rendered George's *Protection or Free Trade* into 99 monosyllabic pages, with pictures.

The book was not easy to find. The Schalkenbach Foundation reprinted the *Primer* in the 1930s, but stated in a new introduction that the sequel could not be found even then. But Richard persisted, and finally found a copy in the University of Kansas library, which he got through inter-library loan.



The second book tends to follow the text of its model more slavishly than does the first, and so misses some of the whimsy that made the *Up-to-Date Primer* such fun for

kids of all ages. Still, it is an important historical document, and contains many worthwhile (and easily reproducible) cartoons.



Thus we have gone through the whole wage theme from end to end, as we might pass through the dark shaft of a mine. We have with care sought to find out the truth, and we have found it. Thye full light has now burst upon us. It is the light of True Free Trade; 'neath which joy and peace will take the place of age long wrong, and God's will shall be done on earth.

— J. W. Bengough