

## LINEN

weaver adding his value to the produce flax the flax becomes linen becomes congealed with human work thing of use value for clothing finding the expression of value through trade weaver with sufficient linen exchanges linen with tailor for coat for two lengths of linen tailor finding usefulness of linen another length of linen traded by weaver for bible printer trades linen not requiring its use trades it for whiskey from distiller distiller swaps whiskey with tailor for coat then passes coat on for barley from barley grower barley grower trades linen for wood from forester more linen reaches market from weaver finding exchange value in potatoes from potato grower potato grower swaps linen for coffee from coffee importer coffee importer uses linen in exchange for coat from tailor tailor swaps linen for bench from carpenter again and again the linen finds its equivalence to the other commodities waves ripple through the other commodities linen finds its equivalence to them all at the same time exchange value with every commodity its own value is left unexpressed linen becomes the expression of the value of all types of human labour including the weaving the weaver exchanges his linen now gold

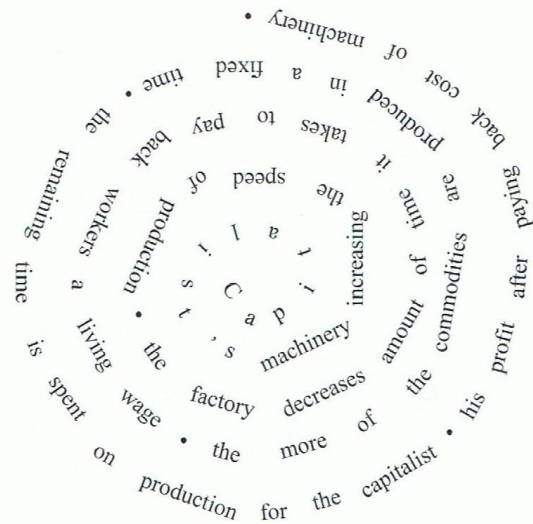
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## ABSOLUTE SURPLUS-VALUE, TWO LEVELS

consuming the time in play extravagantly joyfully with eagerness creating in time use-value livelihood consuming time in play and work using this bodily constructively creating through time taken and turned about someone else's time takes away from your time more time than you are recompensed *amounting to their surplus-time set creating profit use-value produce to sell to others* consuming the time in play extravagantly joyfully eagerness creating in time use-value livelihood consuming time while inside work using this bodily constructively taken into hand some degree of your time is taken over with their creating surplus-time

Workings from Marx's *Capital* #2

## RELATIVE SURPLUS VALUE



now all remains is to sell commodities below market price above price of manufacture •

- bringing down price of goods
- bringing down value of labour
- increasing profit

Workings from Marx's *Capital* #3

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### THE WEAVERS

family supplies for its needs keeping a cow, goats and chickens, weaving, tailoring, tool and pot making, different ages, different sexes, on different tasks, communal work in the village farming, feeding children, elderly, children's teacher, holy man, guests from outside, most proficient craftspeople make their products for others spending less time farming, bringing products instead of food to the communal store, specialisation increasing with the population, community produces more things than it wants, takes its surplus to market where the fabrics selling, brings more fabrics to market, men and women weaving, their food coming from the sales, merchants come in to buy fabrics, community safe guards its techniques, and uniqueness of its fabrics are prized

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