

SPECIMEN — I

One great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science, as we have seen, has given us powers fit for a superhuman, yet we use them like small children.

For example, we do not know how to manage our machines. Machines were made to be man's servants; yet he has grown so dependent on them that they are in a fair way to become his masters. Already most men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting upon machines. And the machines are very stern masters. They must be fed with coal, and given petrol to drink, and oil to wash with, and must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work, or burst with rage, and blow up, and spread ruin and destruction all round them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines, and a time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule the animals.

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According to writers, one of the shortcomings of our civilization is what to do with their knowledge. Science has given us enormous facilities, but we do not use properly. For example, we are unable to manage machines. ~~They~~ We should not use it too much. They must be fed properly and efficiently. Otherwise they will abstain to work. Obviously it is very hard for us to work without machines, and in future it is possible that they rule us.

Title:

- ① Machine as an administrator.
- ② Glitches of human being.
- ③ Humans and Machine.

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