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CHILD LABOR IN THE MILLS

Results of Investigation by an Able and Honorable Newspaper Man Contrasted With Outpourings of Professional Agitators.

Charleston News and Courier.

The Van Vorsts and others of a pesilent brood of professional agitators ought to read August Kohn's series of articles on the cotton mills of South Carolina. It is the most careful and exhaustive study of this industry in all its varying phases that has ever been made and ought to shut the mouth of slander forever. Whether inspired by sectional malice, professional philanthropy or political purpose, we do not know, but it is certain that many writers and speakers have been misrepresenting the conditions of the cotton manufacturing industry in the South, and particularly in South Carolina, for years.

Mr. Kohn, of whose good faith no honest man can have any doubt, is giving in The News and Courier the results of his observations in the cotton mills of the State. The reformers and philanthropists have invariably made child labor in the mills their chief point of attack and have pictured a most distressing condition of affairs; little children worked to death in the mills, little children by the thousand, ill-informed readers would imagine from the noise the reformers have made. Mr. Kohn shows by actual count that there are employed in the mills in this State 38,860 operatives, and among them only 495 children under 12 years of age, 289 boys and 206 girls, or 1¼ per cent of the mill workers of the State or one in every seventy-eight.

In Mr. Kohn's opinion there may be three times as many children under 12 years of age employed in the mills, but even in that case the condition would not be nearly so bad as it has been pictured by the busy bodies and philanthropists. The managers of the mills do not encourage the employment of very young children; indeed, they do not permit their employment unless it is clearly within the exceptions noted by the law and made necessary by the actual condition of the children seeking work; and when they are employed they receive the most considerate treatment. If the students of the child labor problem, and there is none to doubt its importance, would like to learn the truth and to tell the truth they will find it greatly to their advantage to read the articles that have been prepared with so great care by Mr. Kohn.