

was the condition for many centuries in all countries of the world. In Europe it is interesting to read books on the economic life of the Middle Ages and to read their description of the banquets of the leaders in Europe and find that on the whole they were what we would call pretty poor ~~affairs~~ affairs. The economic ~~things~~ ~~of~~ things of life were pretty small that were available, to people before the rise of the Industrial Revolution. Now, there was a small class, all over Europe, which devoted themselves to fighting. And having good armor, one of them was the equivalent of 30 unarmed men, and ~~unarmed~~ men could do nothing before ~~him~~ him. He had the armor, and he was usually occupied with fighting other men who had armor. And these men of the ~~fighting~~ fighting class, these men who were the lords, had the life which was much better than the life of the others. They had much more, but they were not what we would call well-off, today. What they had of the goods of this ~~world~~ world ~~would~~ would not be as much as the poorest people in America have today, in many cases. They had ~~nothing~~ nothing comparable to our standard of living which is widespread today.

Now, they were way superior in the standard of living to the poorer people of their day. If you want to learn something about the condition of the ~~poorer~~ poorer people, read about the peasants in connection with the Reformation. Read about the uprising in the time of Luther. ~~And~~ ^{2"} And read how ~~ruthlessly~~ ruthlessly it was put down. And the big discussion that many people have is what about Luther's attitude toward the ~~peasants'~~ peasants' revolt. Was it right or was it wrong. We shouldn't say attitude, we should say attitudes. For he changed them three different times. But the thing that strikes me as much more important about that than Luther's attitude is this, most of your histories, ~~after~~ after telling this, and devoting page after page to discussion to Luther's attitude, will have a little ~~sentence~~ sentence somewhere which says, it should be noted, however, that this was only one of the ~~peasants'~~ peasants' revolts which occurred about every century or less, in practically every country in Europe. There were many of them in England, perhaps one ~~every~~ every 70 or 80 years, the peasants of