



Practical Agitation

By John Jay Chapman

Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The despair of reform is lack of co-operation among reformers. Men who follow politics as a profession and apply it to the ordinary principles of self-seeking business have comparatively little difficulty about getting together; for this is an era of great business combinations. But reform lacks the motive force that makes men go directly to the accomplishment of their ends. However paradoxical it may seem, selfish interests-so presumably individualistic-drive men into co-operation. For the attainment of certain generally esteemed ends, such as great wealth and political success, co-operation and organization become more and more necessary. How is altruism, with its lack of cohesive power, to meet the forces of selfishness? The practical answer given by many civic reformers is, By imitating the tactics of the enemy. There is a notion current among reformers that they do not lose their character and, therefore, their reason for existence, by fighting the devil with his own weapons. It is against this notion that Mr. Chapman's book is a protest. His main idea is, in his own words, that we can...



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