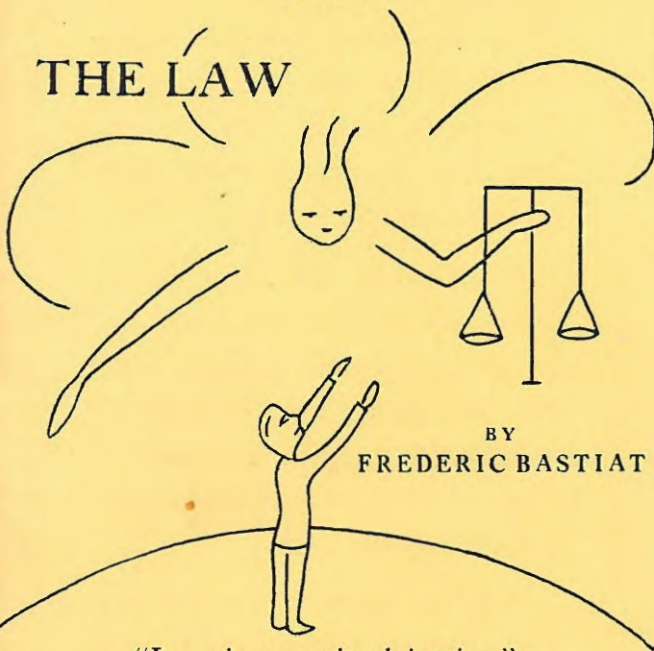


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THE LAW



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"Law is organized justice."

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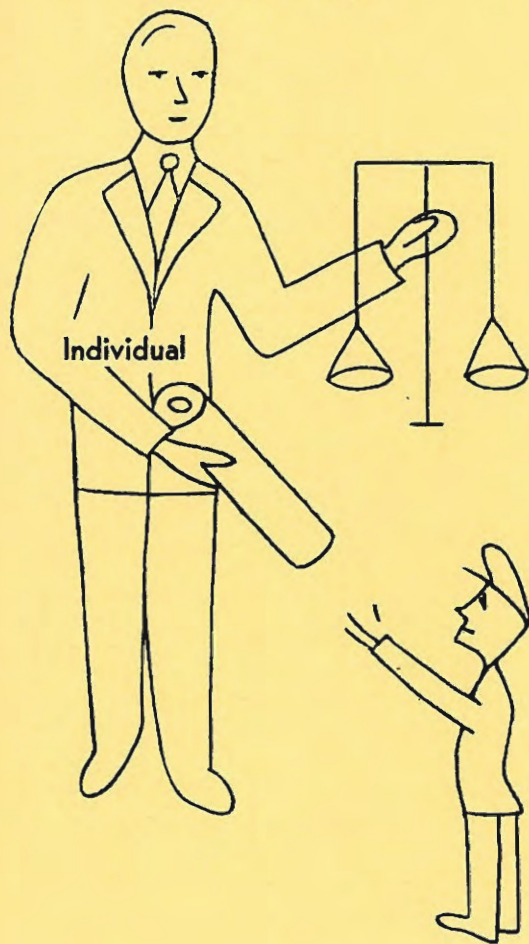
Foreword

The few sentences in this Sampling are taken, verbatim, from *The Law*, a 64-page, paper-covered book, one of the concise masterpieces of liberal literature.

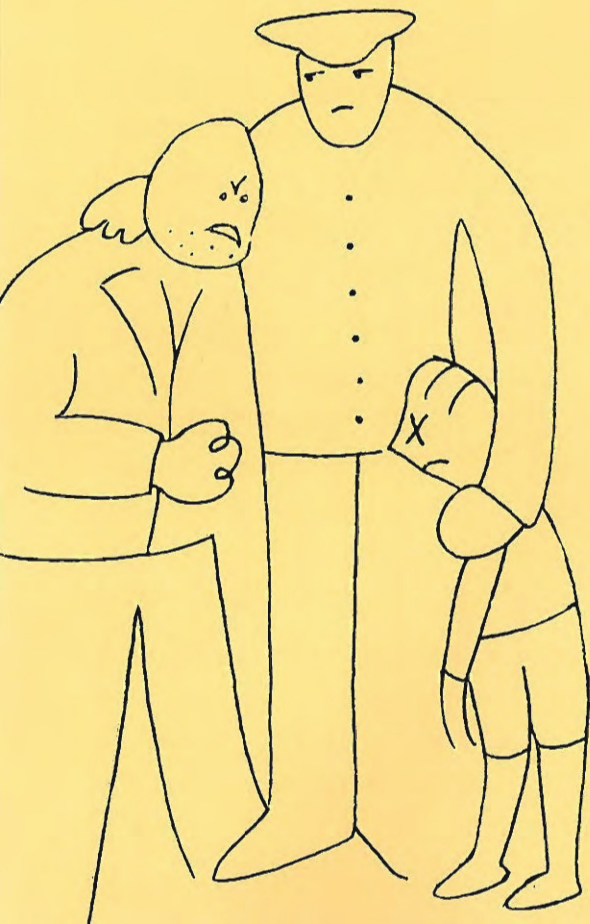
The author, Frederic Bastiat, (1801-50) French economist and social philosopher, perhaps more than any man whose writings are to be found, exposed economic and political fallacies with wit, clarity, and devastating logic.

The Law, more timely now than ever, deserves reading and re-reading by every American who is interested in individual liberty.

"Collective right has its lawfulness
in individual right."



"The aim of law is to prevent
injustice . . ."

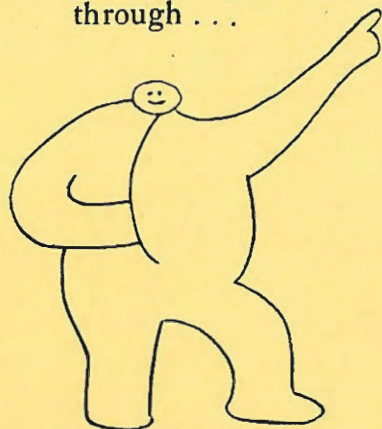


But, law "has converted plunder



into a right . . ."

"The law has been perverted
through . . .



bare egotism and



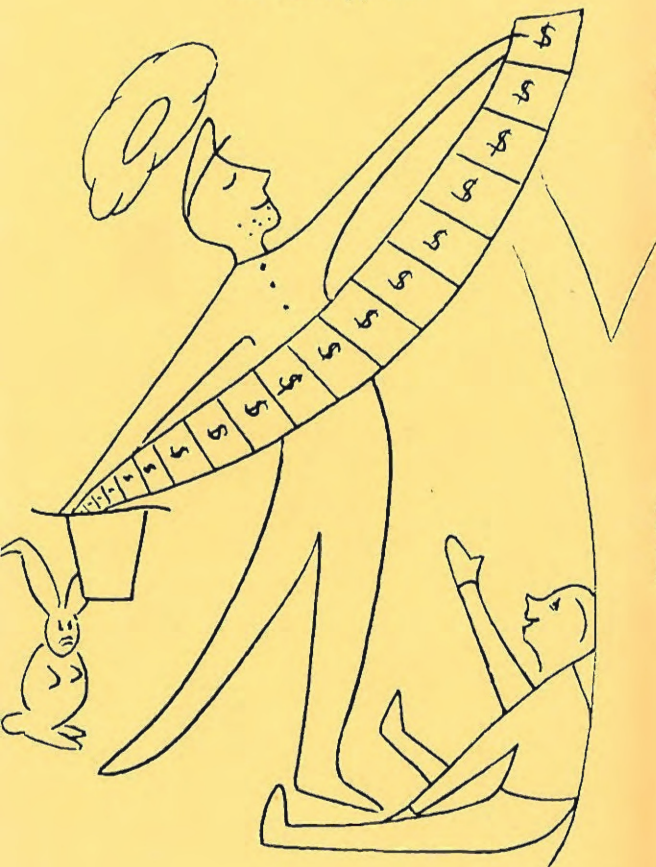
false philanthropy."

Lawful plunder



effaces "the distinction between
justice and injustice."

"You say, 'there are men who have no money,' . . .



But the law is not a self-supplied fountain . . ."

"See whether the law takes from some persons

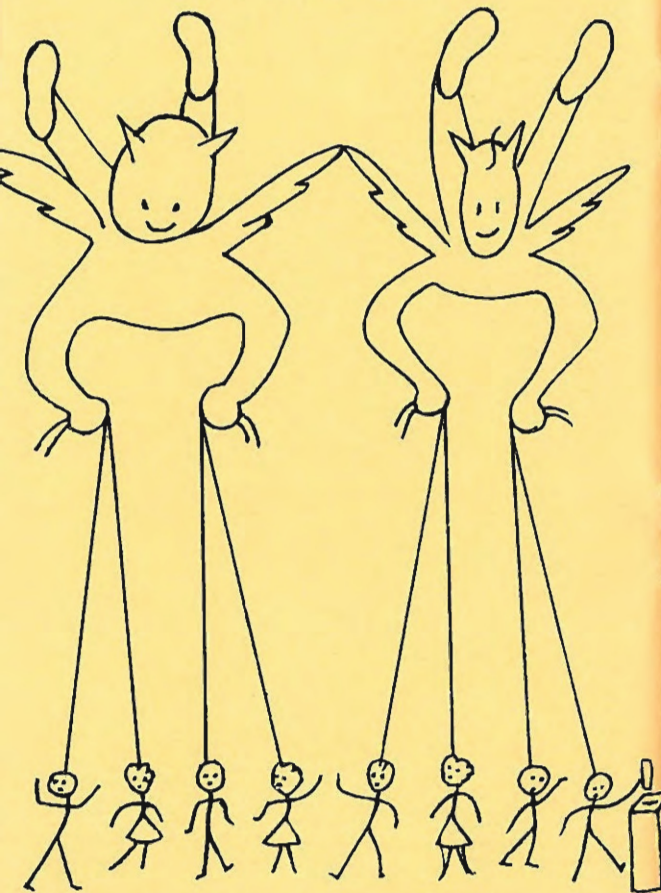


that which belongs to them



to give to others what does not belong to them."

"Too many persons place themselves above mankind,

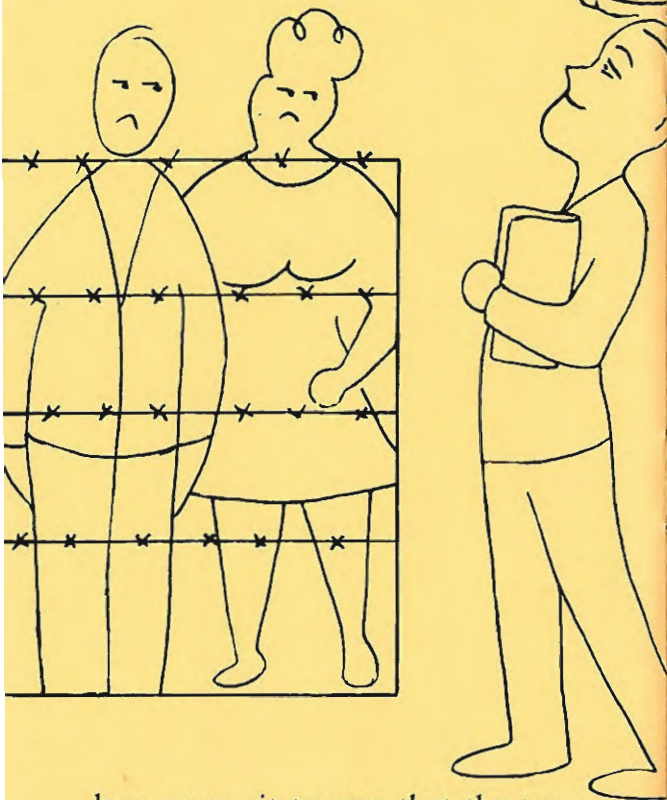


to rule and patronize it."

Socialists "begin by supposing that men are devoid of any principle of action . . ."

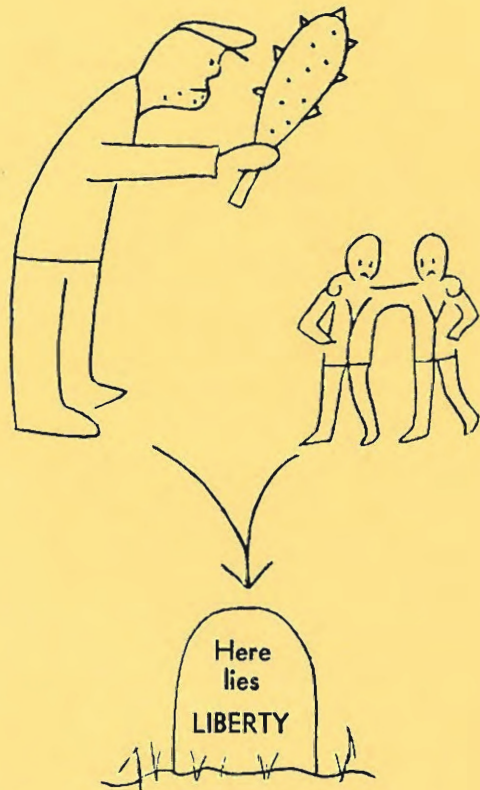


"Since the natural tendencies of mankind are so bad that it is not safe to allow them liberty,



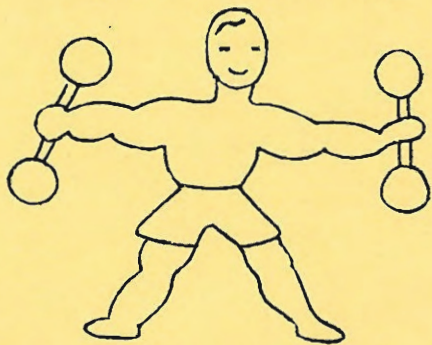
how comes it to pass that the tendencies of organizers are always good?"

"I cannot possibly conceive fraternity *legally* enforced,



without liberty being *legally* destroyed . . ."

"If you wish to be strong,



begin by rooting out of your legislation every particle of socialism which may have crept into it . . ."



"The solution of the social problem is in liberty."



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