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Slavery

SLA'VERY, *noun* [See Slave.]

1. Bondage; the state of entire subjection of one person to the will of another. *slavery* is the obligation to labor for the benefit of the master, without the contract of consent of the servant. *slavery* may proceed from crimes, from captivity or from debt. *slavery* is also voluntary or involuntary; voluntary, when a person sells or yields his own person to the absolute command of another; involuntary, when he is placed under the absolute power of another without his own consent. *slavery* no longer exists in Great Britain, nor in the northern states of America.

2. The offices of a slave; drudgery.

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