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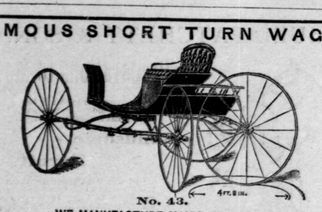
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TEXT: "He that earneth wages, earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes."—Haggai i., 6.

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There are those who are kept in poverty because of their own fault. They might have been well off, but they smoked or chewed up their earnings, or they lived beyond their means, while others on the same wages and on the same salaries went on to competency. I know a man who was all the time complaining of his poverty and crying out against rich men, while he himself keeps two dogs, and chews and smokes, and is full to the chin with whisky and beer. Wilkins Micawber said to David Copperfield, "Copperfield, my boy, one pound income, expenses twenty shillings and six pence; result, misery. But, Copperfield, my boy, one pound income, expenses nineteen shillings and six pence; result, happiness." But, O workingman of America, take your morning dram, and your noon dram, and your evening dram, and spend everything you have over for tobacco and excursions, and you insure poverty for yourself and your children forever!

If by some generous fat of the capitalists of this country, or by a new law of the Government of the United States, twenty-five per cent., or fifty per cent., or one hundred per cent. were added to the wages of the working classes of America, it would be no advantage to hundreds of thousands of them unless they stopped strong drink. Aye, until they quit that evil habit, the more money, the more ruin, the more wages, the more holes in the bag.

My plea this morning is to those working people who are in a discipleship to whisky bottle, the beer-mug, and the rum-flask. And what I say to them will not be more appropriate to the working classes than to the business classes, and the literary classes, and the professional classes, and all classes, and not with the people of one age more than of all ages. Take one good square look at the suffering of the man whom strong drink has enthralled, and remember that toward that goal multitudes are running. The disciple of alcoholism suffers the loss of self-respect.

Just as soon as a man wakes up and finds that he is the captive of strong drink, he feels demeaned. I do not care how reckless he acts. He may say, "I don't care," he does care. He cannot look a pure man in the eye unless it is with positive force of resolution. Three-fourths of his nature is destroyed; his self-respect is gone; he says things he would not otherwise say; he does things he would not otherwise do. When a man is nine-tenths gone with strong drink, the first thing he wants to do is to persuade you that he can stop any time he wants to. He cannot. The Philistines have bound him hand and foot, and shorn his locks, and put out his eyes, and are making him grind in the mill of a great horror. He cannot stop. I will prove it. He knows that his course is bringing ruin upon himself. He loves himself. If he could stop he would. He knows his course is bringing ruin upon his family. He loves them. He would stop if he could. He cannot. Perhaps he could three months or a year ago, not now. Just ask him to stop for a month. He cannot; he knows he cannot, so he does not try.

I had a friend who was for fifteen years going down under this evil habit. He had large means. He had given thousands of dollars to Bible societies and reformatory institutions of all sorts. He was very genial, very generous, and very lovable, and whenever he talked about this evil habit he would say, "I can stop any time." But he kept going on, going on, down, down, down. His family would say, "If I wish you would stop." "Why," he would reply, "I can stop any time if I want to." After a while he had delirium tremens; he had it twice, and yet, after that, he said, "I could stop at any time if I wanted to." He is dead now. What killed him? Rum! Rum! And yet among his last utterances was, "I can stop at any time." He did not stop it, because he could not stop it. Oh, there is a point in inebriation beyond which if a man goes he cannot stop!

One of these victims said to a Christian man, "Sir, if I were told that I couldn't get a drink until to-morrow night, unless I had all my fingers cut off, I would say, 'Bring the hatchet and cut them off now.'" I have a dear friend in Philadelphia whose nephew came to him one day, and, when he was exhorted about his evil habit, said, "Uncle, I can't give it up. If they stood a cannon and it was loaded, and a glass of wine were set on the mouth of that cannon, and I knew that you would fire it off as I came up and took the glass, I would start, for I must have it."

Oh, it is a sad thing for a man to wake up in this life and feel that he is a captive! He says, "I could have got rid of this at once, but I can't now. I might have lived an honorable life and died a Christian death; but there is no hope for me now; there is no escape for me. Dead, but not buried. I am a walking corpse, I am an apparition of what I once was. I am a cage I am mortal beating against the wires of my cage in this direction; beating against the cage until there is blood on the wires and blood upon my soul, yet not able to get out. Destroyed without remedy!"

I go on, and say that the disciple of rum suffers from the loss of health.

The older men in the congregation may remember that some years ago Dr. Sewell went through this country and electrified the people by his lectures, in which he showed the effects of alcoholism on the human stomach. He had seven or eight diagrams by which he showed the devastation of strong drink upon the physical system. There were thousands of people that turned back from that diseased stomach, swearing eternal abstinence from everything that could intoxicate.

God only knows what the drunkard suffers. Pain flies on every nerve, and travels every muscle, and gnaws every bone, and burns with every flame, and stings with every poison, and pulls at him with every torture. What reptiles crawl over his creeping limbs! What fiends stand by his midnight pillow! What groans tear his ear! What horrors shiver through his soul! Talk of the rack, talk of the Inquisition, talk of the funeral pyre, talk of the crushing Juggernaut—he feels them all at once. Have you ever been in the ward of the hospital where these inebriates are dying, the stench of their wounds driving back the attendants, their voices sounding through the night? The keeper comes up and says, "Hush, now, be still! Stop making all this noise!" But it is effectual only for a moment, for as soon as the keeper is gone they begin again, "Oh, God! Oh, God! Help! Help! Help! Rum! Give me rum! Help! Take them off me! Take them off me! Oh, God!" And then they put money, not knowing that the sack is torn, or eaten of moths, or in some way made incapable of holding valuables. As fast as the coin was put in one end of the sack it dropped out of the other. It made no difference how much wages they got, for they lost them. "He that earneth wages, earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes."

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There are those who are kept in poverty because of their own fault. They might have been well off, but they smoked or chewed up their earnings, or they lived beyond their means, while others on the same wages and on the same salaries went on to competency. I know a man who was all the time complaining of his poverty and crying out against rich men, while he himself keeps two dogs, and chews and smokes, and is full to the chin with whisky and beer. Wilkins Micawber said to David Copperfield, "Copperfield, my boy, one pound income, expenses twenty shillings and six pence; result, misery. But, Copperfield, my boy, one pound income, expenses nineteen shillings and six pence; result, happiness." But, O workingman of America, take your morning dram, and your noon dram, and your evening dram, and spend everything you have over for tobacco and excursions, and you insure poverty for yourself and your children forever!

If by some generous fat of the capitalists of this country, or by a new law of the Government of the United States, twenty-five per cent., or fifty per cent., or one hundred per cent. were added to the wages of the working classes of America, it would be no advantage to hundreds of thousands of them unless they stopped strong drink. Aye, until they quit that evil habit, the more money, the more ruin, the more wages, the more holes in the bag.

My plea this morning is to those working people who are in a discipleship to whisky bottle, the beer-mug, and the rum-flask. And what I say to them will not be more appropriate to the working classes than to the business classes, and the literary classes, and the professional classes, and all classes, and not with the people of one age more than of all ages. Take one good square look at the suffering of the man whom strong drink has enthralled, and remember that toward that goal multitudes are running. The disciple of alcoholism suffers the loss of self-respect.

Oh, beware! You have not yet been captured. Beware! Whether the beverage be poured in golden chalice or pewter mug, in the foam at the top, in white letters, let these be spelled out to your soul, "Beware!" When the books of Judgment are open, and ten million drunkards come up to get their doom, I want you to bear witness that I, this morning, in the fear of God and in the love for your soul, told you, with all affection and with all kindness, to beware of that which has already exerted its influence upon your family, blowing out some of its lights—a premonition of the blackness of darkness forever.

Oh, if you could only hear this morning Intemperance with drunkards' bones drumming on the head of the liquor-cask the Dead March of immortal souls, methinks the very glance of a wine-cup would make you shudder, and the color of the liquor would make you think of the blood of the soul, and the foam on the top of the cup would remind you of the froth on the maniac's lip; and you would go home from this service and kneel down and pray God that, rather than your children should become captives of this evil habit, you would like to carry them out some bright spring day to the cemetery, and put them away to the last sleep, until at the call of the south wind the flowers would come up all over the grave—sweet prophecies of the resurrection! God has a balm for such a wound; but what flower of comfort ever grew on the blasted heath of a drunkard's sepulchre?

WE LEAD THE WORLD.

In the Production of Metals the United States Stands First.

In 1890 the United States produced one-third of the world's pig iron.

In 1890 the United States produced over one-third of the world's steel.

Our copper production is more than two-fifths that of all other countries.

Every mineral and metal of value in the arts or industries is found within the limits of the United States.

The United States produced, in 1889, over one-fourth of the entire amount of iron mined on the globe.

In 1825 the United States became prominent as a lead producer, and has since enormously increased the world's supply.

In the production of steel the United States stands first, largely exceeding the output of Great Britain, and being nearly double that of Germany.

The United States produced in 1890 over two-fifths of all the silver mined in the world, the next silver-producing country being Mexico, with a product of $50,000,000.

The United States produced almost one-third of the total product of coal mined during the year 1891. The total amount produced by all the coal-mining nations was over half a billion short tons.

The United States furnished in 1890 28 per cent. or nearly one-third of the total amount of gold produced by the world. Its leading competitors are Australia and Russia, the former in the same year producing about $30,000,000 and the latter producing about $21,000,000.

The Value of Hops.

While our exports of American grown hops were practically the same quantity during the eleven months ending May 31, 1894 and 1895, the value received during the later period was less than one-half of what was paid a year earlier. Hops that sold at thirty cents a pound for export in 1895 were, early in 1894, worth less than fifteen cents a pound to ship abroad after the markets of the world were thrown open to us.

Follow the Example.

The San Francisco Journal of Commerce urges its local manufacturers and producers' association to institute a California week, or even a California day each month, when the various business houses of San Francisco will display in their shops and on their shelves goods of California manufacture.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.
WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Many a corn may lurk behind a polished shoe.

They Cure the Cause.

Most of the discomfort in life comes from the stomach. You'll admit that without argument. The proof is in your own stomach.
A great many seemingly different diseases come from the common cause—a disordered stomach. Coming from one cause, it is natural that they should all be cured by one medicine. Ripans Tabules not only cure the disease—they cure the cause.
They are good for dyspepsia, biliousness, headache, constipation, dizziness and all troubles of the stomach, liver and bowels. Druggists sell them.

Have but few friends, though much acquaintance.

Tobacco Tattered and Torn.

Every day we meet the man with shabby clothes, sallow skin and shambling footsteps, holding out a tobacco-palsied hand for the charity quarter. Tobacco destroys manhood and the happiness of perfect vitality. No-To-Bac is guaranteed to cure just such cases, and it's charity to make them try. Sold under guarantee to cure by Druggists everywhere. Book free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., New York City or Chicago.

About the hardest thing to reform is a reformer.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle

Happy is the man who sees his folly in his youth.

Dr. Kilmer's SWAMP-ROOT cures all Kidney and Bladder troubles. Pamphlet and Consultation Free. Laboratory, Binghamton, N. Y.

All powerful souls have kindred with each other.

What a Sense of Relief it is to Know that you have no corns. Hindercorn removes them, and is comforting. 15c. at druggists.

Cast no dirt into the well that gives you water.

Piso's Cure for Consumption relieves the most obstinate coughs.—REV. D. BUCHEELER, Lexington, Mo., Feb. 24, 1894.

The mortal who expects bad luck will get it.

Parker's Ginger Tonic is Popular for good work. Suffering, sleepless, nervous women find nothing so soothing and reviving.

A pretty woman is never quite without hope.

Wife used "MOTHER'S FRIEND" before first child—was quickly relieved; suffered but little; recovery rapid. E. E. JOHNSTON, Eufaula, Ala.

A marriage is more prosaic and dull than an engagement, because there is no flattery in it.

Impure Blood
Manifests itself in hives, pimples, boils and other eruptions which disfigure the face and cause pain and annoyance. By purifying the blood Hood's Sarsaparilla completely cures these troubles and clears the skin. Hood's Sarsaparilla overcomes that tired, drowsy feeling so general at this season and gives strength and vigor. Remember
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Is the only true blood purifier prominently in the public eye today. $1; six for $5.
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A GREAT CAPTURE.

RESULT OF THE ATTACK ON THE MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

We Lost $70,000,000 of Trade and Sold Less Goods—Farmers the Greatest Sufferers Through Smaller Exports—Sometimes They Sold More Goods and Got Less Money.

It is unnecessary to remind the American people that they were to capture the markets of the world as soon as the wall of protection was broken down and they could reach out beyond the confines of the markets of the United States. Volumes have been written upon this subject by the free trade newspaper editors, volumes full of promises. Now let us look at the practical side of it.

At the present time the only details of our exports of American products for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, that have been issued by the Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department are those relating to mineral oils, breadstuffs, cotton and provisions. These official returns show the quantities and values of each of these commodities that have been exported to foreign countries during this and the previous fiscal years.

Instead of there having been a large increase in our exports during the 1895 year, ten months of which period the Gorman tariff was in operation, strange to say our official statistics show that we have been selling less of our products in the markets of the world since our wall of protection was broken down, and that the promises made by the free trade writers were misleading and their theories based upon false premises. In the following table we give the decrease in our exports, with the quantity and value of mineral oils, breadstuffs, cotton and provisions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, as compared with the previous twelve months:

DECREASE IN EXPORTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1895.	Quantity.	Value.
Mineral oils—		
Crude, galls	10,999,895	$765,979
Naphthas	798,889	37,441
Illuminating, galls	15,18,951	$1,070,227
Residuum, galls	16,298	$2,475
Breadstuffs—		
Barley, bush	3,183,871	1,447,117
Corn, bush	27,917,902	15,712,304
Oats, bush	5,190,377	1,836,524
Rye, bush	221,957	121,386
Wheat, bush	12,126,641	15,467,454
Wheat flour, bbls.	1,591,344	17,356,061
Cotton, 10 months, lbs.	$363,952,799	2,439,391
Provisions—		
Cattle, number	28,932	2,931,452
Beef—		
Canned, lbs	$7,599,263	$515,537
Fresh, lbs	2,349,177	145,351
Salted, lbs	599,267	36,239
Tallow, lbs	28,588,830	1,452,478
Hog products—		
Bacon, lbs	$31,744,335	623,549
Hams, lbs	$18,089,318	$1,078,812
Pork, lbs	6,939,896	287,878
Lard, lbs	$25,6,9,971	3,516,863
Dairy products—		
Butter, lbs	6,135,763	1,157,223
Cheese, lbs	13,456,693	1,685,784
Net money loss		$68,661,819

* Increase.

Out of 22 different articles it appears that of five only did we export larger quantities last year than in 1894; that in the case of four articles only was there an increase in value; of 17 out of the 22 commodities we sold less in quantity and of 18 we sold less in value.

In the case of illuminating oil, which shows an increase of over $4,000,000 in the value of our exports, there was a decrease of 15,409,000 gallons in the quantity exported. The recent sharp rise in the price of coal oil accounts for this difference. Among the provisions it will be seen that we sold over 23,600,000 pounds more lard last year, but received $3,516,000 less money than in 1894. We also sold 34,744,000 pounds more bacon, but received $623,519 less money.

Capturing the markets of the world on any such basis as this, where we have sold larger quantities of our commodities at much lower values, can hardly be a profitable undertaking for the producers of such articles. No doubt the cotton growers will hear us out in this statement, because, although during the break in the wall of protection we sold upward of 363,000,000 pounds more cotton in ten months than during the corresponding period of the previous cotton crop year, yet the price received for our total exports of cotton was $3,430,000 less than when we sold over a million bales less. In other words, we have practically given away 1,424,000 bales of cotton for nothing, and