



### Victims of a Demon.

(By Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in the 'National Advocate'.)

In the silent midnight watches,  
When the earth was wrapped in gloom,  
And the grim and awful darkness  
Crept unbidden to my room,  
On the solemn, deathly stillness  
Of the night there broke a sound  
Like ten million wailing voices  
Crying loudly from the ground.

We, the victims of a demon,  
We who, one and each and all,  
Can cry out before high Heaven  
'We are slain by Alcohol!'  
We would warn you, youths and maidens,  
From the path that we have trod—  
From the path that leads to ruin,  
And away from Peace and God.

We, the millions who have fallen,  
Warn you from the ruddy glow  
Of the wine in silver goblets,  
For destruction lies below.  
Wine and gin and rum and brandy,  
Whisky, cider, ale, and beer,  
These have slain us and destroyed us—  
These the foes that brought us here.

We beseech you, men and women—  
Fathers, mothers, husbands, wives—  
To arise and slay the demon  
That is threatening dear ones' lives.  
Do not preach of moderation  
To your children, for, alas!  
There is not a foe more subtle  
Than the fateful social glass.

Men in office, men in power,  
Will you let this demon wild  
Stalk unfettered through the nation,  
Slaying woman, man, and child?  
Oh, arouse, ye listless mortals!  
There is work for every one!  
We have warned you of your danger—  
We have spoken—we have done!

### Economic Waste of the Saloon.

The Kansas City (Mo.) 'Times' writes editorially as follows:

'The spread of the prohibition movement affects more than the political and moral side of our life; it touches the economic conditions even more closely. The greatest waste of the American people is their neglect of their natural sources of wealth. But the greatest extravagance regarding the wealth already in possession is the support given to saloons. Throughout the South and West the restriction, and, in wide areas, the absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic, means greater stability to "good times," a more even distribution of prosperity, and added wealth to the class which stands most in need of good fortune. A flourishing saloon business means a hand-to-mouth existence for a great number of the people of this country. The utterly untenable notion that the liquor traffic helps a community or commonwealth in a commercial way and makes it more attractive will give way in the test of actual experience.'

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### 'It Meant Me.'

Dr. Bonar, of Scotland, tells a story of a lady getting into a conversation with a workman, and finding he was a happy Christian.

'How long have you been thus rejoicing?' she asked.

'Six months ago,' he said, 'I heard an address from the words, "Whosoever believeth hath everlasting life." I could not take it to myself then,' he said, 'but when I went home that night I dreamt that "whosoever" meant "me." I got out of bed and got the Bible to see the words, and there it was, whosoever.'

'But you knew it was in the Bible, didn't you?'

'Yes, but I wanted to see it with my own eyes, and I've been resting on it ever since.'

### Selected Recipes.

**DEVILED OYSTERS.**—Crop twenty-five oysters fine, add half cup cracker crumbs, a tablespoonful melted butter, one cup cream, salt and pepper. Butter oyster shells or fancy baking dishes, fill with the mixture and bake twenty minutes.

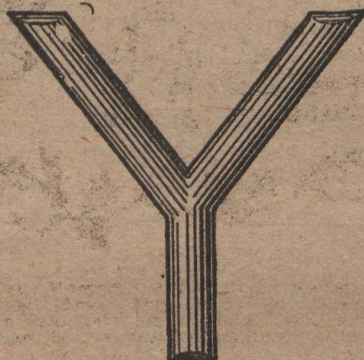
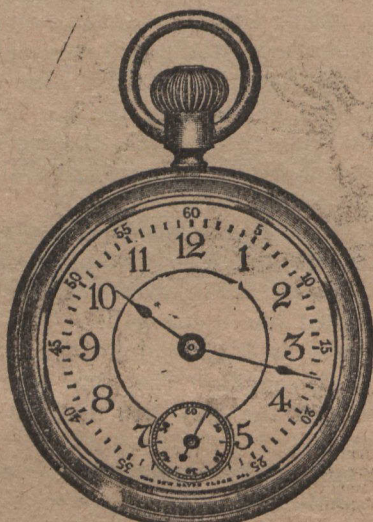
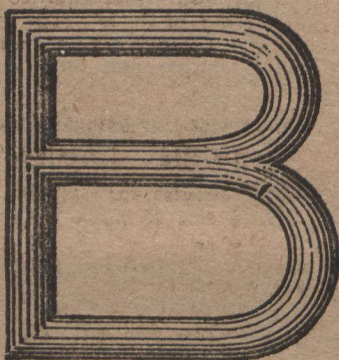
**BALTIMORE PUDDING.**—Get 10 cents worth of stale sponge cake and cut in thin slices. Lay in the bottom of a baking dish and fill to the top of the dish with either canned peaches or cherries. Then put a layer of cake slices on top. Make a meringue of two whites of eggs, beaten white and stiff, with two tablespoonfuls powdered sugar. Spread over the top and place in the oven a few minutes to color slightly.

**CODFISH CHOWDER.**—Pick off half a pint of codfish and soak it over night; change the water several times in the morning. Set the fish aside, and when ready to use, pare and thinly slice a pint of raw potatoes and one large onion. Heat a baking dish, butter it well and put in an alternate layer of fish, potatoes, onions and one cracker rolled fine. Cover with hot water and boil twenty minutes; then add salt to taste, a pint of milk and, if possible, a little cream. Serve very hot.

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