

plays upon the passions of man. He knows better than to use the same method with everybody. Let us watch him at work again.

Here his mode of action is diametrically opposed to that used in the first case. To this man he seems to say, insinuatingly : "Do not give me away again." Ah, the rascal ! He knows his man. He has found his true slave at last, a slave who devotes to him every hour of the day and night, who sacrifices to him every pleasure and enjoyment. For should this poor man desire to drink a glass of wine, then money whispers in his ear : "Drink water, it quenches thirst just as well." Should he wish for a warm garment, money warns him : "Buy a warm coat now, and freeze in your old age." He sleeps, for sleep is as necessary for him as for other men, but even now money disturbs him with the suggestion : "Look out ! while you are sleeping, a thief may come and steal ; get up and see if the doors and windows are secured." Thus the poor miser suffers all his life from hunger, thirst, cold, and never-ceasing apprehension, and dies at last, having had no other pleasure but the doubtful one of counting his money and listening to its entrancing ring. After his death, laughing heirs divide his hoard, while the wily despot, smiling grimly, continues his work of ruin.

With another class of man, money acts in a manner even worse. "The almighty dollar," they say, "rules the world, and therefore let us get money by all means, right or wrong." So, as the daily newspapers constantly relate, one sells his country for a golden bribe, another betrays a public trust and embezzles public funds, a third makes his fortune by the robbery of the widow and orphan. But even should they not be caught and sent to prison, does money make them happy ? No ; they will never succeed in gaining the respect and affection of their fellow-citizens, while at the same time they are in constant apprehension of discovery.

Money does not, indeed, make of everyone a spendthrift, miser, or criminal, but it obliges all to conform to its decrees, it interferes in all the affairs of life, and it alone, very often, gives the final decision. The student, for instance, is about to choose a profession. His parents are poor, and this obliges him to select