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never stopping to raise his hat or beg the old lady's pardon, will, like as not, stand smiling at the door of some fashionable church next Sunday, and will show you to a seat with so fascinating and courteous and gentle an air that you will be tempted to say in your heart...

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Perhaps the farm is large and the working capital is small. Besides this, there may be a mortgage which, like a huge land octopus, puts out its long, strong arms into the orchard, and grain fields, and the sheep pasture, and the dairy, and absorbs the first of all. So that, as a matter of fact, on many farms, the toilers work hard and have little. In their clothing, their homes, their food, they have only the minimum of domestic comfort, and the future has little promise of improvement for these serfs of the soil.

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Go to the physician with your dyspepsia and neuralgia and blood-poverty. If you inherited a despondent turn of mind, do not excuse yourself, for by mental gymnastics you can attain a healthy development, just the same as you had inherited puny muscular organization, you could make it strong and healthy with physical training.

The Selfishness of Hurry. Hurry is an intense putting forth of all the energies on small lines of personal activity. Hence its tendency is to make people selfish. No one is over a hurry with a truly great undertaking. No one is ever in a hurry with a truly benevolent undertaking. It is only when the energies are dissipated, parceled out in many small, self-enclosed enterprises, that a person is actually in a hurry.

One may be in a great haste, and yet in no hurry. Haste is more dignified, and is quite consistent with concentration of energy, equanimity of mind and greatness of purpose. Hurry and worry go together. It is as though one small engine were actually in a hurry, while the greater than the power. When the engine is a human being, hurry annihilates force and in the end destroys that which produces force.

The man who has too many irons in the fire is always a selfish man. He is driven to his utmost from year's end to year's end, and so his thoughts are all centered upon himself and his doings. Did you ever notice what a selfish crowd almost invariably meets on the ferry boats or the thoroughfares of a great city? How many irons these driving, pushing, anxious-faced people have in the fire! Each is looking out for himself and his own interests alone.

In a short time poor little Bessie was snugly sleeping in a good warm bed in one of the "Homes" provided for such little, helpless, neglected children. Tears ran down the good, kind-hearted matron's face, when she saw the poor, almost famished child, greedily eating a large bowl of hot milk and bread before going to bed.

This poor child and her mother had a comfortable home at one time, but it was ruined by rum! And the rum was sold by a man who paid for the right to sell it; and the man who bought it and drank it knew that he was robbing his family, and ruining his own prospects in this life as well as in the life to come.

Not only does the drunkard know what harm the poisonous stuff will do him, and what sorrow and misery it will bring upon his family, but the saloon keeper knows it also, and those who sell him the license know it as well, but they do not care.

If the drunkard can only satisfy his appetite, day after day, with the drink which costs the price of his children's bread, he cares for nothing else. His children may starve, his wife sicken and die, his home totter and fall, but he cares not.

If the saloon keeper can make his fortune easily by standing behind his counter, dealing out liquid destruction, he ought to be earning his money like an honest man, he cares not what are the consequences.

And if the country can gather the gold into its coffers by the hundreds and thousands, which are annually paid for these licenses, the saloon keepers may still continue in their respectable (?) business of making drunkards and peopling the orphanages and almshouses to their heart's content.

This crying evil of the nineteenth century is the most formidable with which we as a Christian people, have to contend. Shall we crush the rum traffic out of existence, and that right early, or shall we let it go on, year after year, spreading ruin and misery all over our fair and otherwise happy land.

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our conduct that is Christ-like is our best witness for Him. Without character our words may be blown through a golden bugle, but they will fall on dull ears day and night and on tomorrow—Golden Rule.

Philosophic Bore.—If you will listen to me for ten minutes I will prove to you that the theory of the survival of the fittest is correct. Scientific Suffrage.—If that theory is correct, how is it you manage to survive? Explain that, please, before you go any further.

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