

ence has granted to a degenerated race, addicted to vicious passions and indolent self-indulgence. The majority now gain their bread by the sweat of their brow; and the calls of nature force them to occupy their time in providing for its pinching wants; preventing them from the pursuits of many sins and follies which are incidental to idleness and sloth. Industry is well known to be a great assistant to virtue; indolence, to be the foster-mother of crime. Could our teeming population be relieved of all their cares and anxious labors, by being placed in a state of independency, or exemption from toil, we can form but a faint idea of the accumulating miseries which would speedily ensue. If the few leisure hours of the multitude are now generally spent in haunts of profligacy and vicious indulgences, what would become of them were the safety-valves of poverty removed, and their now scarcely-repressed passions were allowed to revel in unlimited wantonness? The population would be involved in constant quarrels and reckless dissipation, until it had desolated the country, or destroyed its race of inhabitants. It is calculated that the wealthy classes of the community would shortly fail in their generations, through the mere exhaustion of physical power, if their declining numbers were not supplied from the more industrious ranks of society; and what would be the case, were the whole population placed in similar circumstances of ease and bodily enjoyment?

Again: when trade is brisk, and profits and wages become proportionately high, let any inhabitant of a manufacturing district tell the effects of such a rise upon the merchant and the mechanic. Let him say, from experience, if these seasons of abundance be not always characterized by an increase of luxury, sloth, and dissoluteness.

Or, if there were no drag of national debt, or other inability, upon the wheels of Government, how long would separate nations maintain peace with each other? This question may easily be answered by the history of every people who have, for any length of time, enjoyed an

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