

## Shot and Shell for the Conflict.

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### INCOLL'S TERRIBLE ARRAIGNMENT OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

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"I am aware that there is a prejudice against any man engaged in the manufacture of alcohol. I believe, from the time it issues from the poisonous worm in the distillery until it empties into the hell of death, dishonor and crime, that it is demoralizing to everybody that touches it, from the source to where it ends. I do not believe that anybody can contemplate the subject without being prejudiced against the crime. All we have to do is to think of the wrecks on either side of the stream of death, of suicides, of insanity, of poverty, of the destruction of the little children tugging at the breasts of despairing wives asking for bread, of the men of genius it has wrecked, of the struggling with imaginary serpents produced by this devilish thing; and when you think of the jails, of the almshouses, of the asylums, of the prisons, and of the scaffolds on either side, I do not wonder that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against this vile stuff called alcohol. Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, and age in its weakness.

"It breaks the father's heart, bereaves the doting mother, extinguishes natural affection, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachments, blights parental hope, and brings premature age in sorrow to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death, not life. It makes wives widows, children orphans, fathers fiends, and all paupers. It feeds rheumatism, nurses gout, welcomes epidemics, invites cholera, imports pestilence, embraces consumption, and covers the land with misery and crime. It genders controversies, fosters quarrels, breeds riots. It crowds your penitentiaries, and furnishes victims to the scaffold. It is the blood of the gambler, the element of the burglar, the prop of the highwayman, and the support of the midnight incendiary. It countenances the liar, respects the thief, esteems the blasphemer. It violates obligations, reverences fraud, hates love, scorns innocence and virtue.

"It incites the father to butcher the helpless offspring, and the child to grind the parricidal axe. It burns up the men, consumes the