CLIPPED WINGS.

summer. The legitimate hours for sleep in Hiram Weeks' house were from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m., with wakefulness counted in.

The pole star of the man at the wheel was hard work and wormwood tea; the family were on a forced march to a golden Klondike. Hiram accepted the concept of perpetual motion as a delusion in mechanics, but evinced signs of genius by experimentation in this direction on himself and those around him. Two passages of Scripture Hiram regarded as the "most sensiblest" in the Bible. He did not regard the Old Testament as a millstone, and in no sense would he be classed with the higher critics. One passage was from the book of Genesis: "In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat bread;" the other was from the New Testament, and was always quoted without connection: "Not slothful in business." Had he been more familiar with the "Word of Life" he would have found that God had made ample provision for recreation in the social, domestic, and religious life of a nation which had served with rigor, but knew nothing of this experience, except as spectators and as ministers to the luxurious Egyptians.

He who "knoweth our frame and remembereth that we are dust" made holidays a part of the religious life and ritual, and did not consider

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