

that they would be ruined in one week, were it not for his distilleries and breweries. Then the iron smelters received a sly hint or two, that as his many millions of barrels furnished them with work to make many millions more of iron hoops to support them, if he shut down his vast factories, that a glut would occur in the market and prices would go down. Time will not permit us to classify the great army of Masons, Carpenters, Cabinet makers, Plumbers, Brass casters, and Machinists, whose skill and taste are utilized in the erection, finishing, and furnishing the splendid and costly gin palaces in the cities and towns of the world, whom he convinced that at least half of their number would go straight into the poorhouse, or starvation out of it, if his business was not sustained by the people. Owners of real estate held their prime corner lots, till this Philistine came along, for they had come to learn through his active friends that he paid big prices for such prominent sites, so these so thought-to-be-wide-awake dealers were captured in the meshes of this modern plotter. Thus Goliath worked his way, and won his end in instilling into the mind of both merchants and mechanics, through the custom his business insured them, that he was an absolute necessity to their bread and butter.

He argued with great eloquence to the millions of working men that they could not get through their days work comfortably and sleep soundly, without a glass of beer in the day, and a drop of toddy at night. To the mechanic sweltering at the hot furnaces, it was needed to keep him cool, and to the mason working in the cool air, it was necessary to keep him warm. To the driver in the dusty roads it was the best thing to keep his tongue moist, and to the mariners amid foaming surf, it was the finest thing to keep them dry. To the rushing merchant, it was requisite to steady his nerves, and the young beginner in business required it to excite him to action. He demonstrated to the man of letters that nothing could stimulate thought and fire the imagination like his tonics, and the platform speaker needed it to sharpen his wits. In fact it mattered not what men were engaged in, or whatever their physical and moral condition, this mighty monster literally bewitched them into a belief in the necessity of his existence, to them and theirs.

Having had such magnificent success in tying up society and commerce to his left arm, he now made gigantic efforts.

(3.) TO CHAIN THE POLITICIANS UP TO HIS RIGHT ARM:

His first successful effort was to get into Parliament himself. Having taken his seat, it soon became apparent that no ordinary personage had entered the assembly, for although he made no display in his maiden speech, everybody felt that there was a great power behind it, that made it impressive. This modern Goliath at once made very pleasant acquaintances among the members, especially those that had any great weight with public opinion. He erected a superb mansion at the Capital, which elicited remarks from all passers by. To this palatial residence he invited many of the members, to dine off the choicest viands earth could produce. At his sumptuous banquets, he was always careful to secure the presence of a Cabinet Minister, and even the Premier was occasionally his guest. In the sessions he never took any part in the discussions of such problems as the education of the people, or the general uplifting of the degraded and oppressed. But whenever the least effort was made by those few members who opposed and hated him, to introduce a measure for the restriction of his business, he would give them such glances of injured innocence, as to indicate his displeasure; and when he rose to speak to the subject he would swell out with all the importance of a mighty monarch. In his chats with members, he never lost an opportunity to assure them that he was always at their disposal, and would travel any distance either by land or water, to assist them at their elections. He always emphasized the fact that he had not any politics of his own, that he had very warm friends in both parties, and he simply wanted to retain their friendship. His name and fame, his might and his means he had resolved to use both at the Capital and at the polls, for the sole purpose of cultivating that warm social fellowship that bound men together and nothing more.

By slow and cautious methods he persuaded the Premiers of the power and importance of his presence in the land, and secured from every one enactments to legalize his business, and secure to it monopolies that were never granted to any other enterprise. One great point on which he expended his energy, was to prove to them that, as the national revenue from his traffic was so great, and the national debt greater still, that the income from him was absolutely necessary to pay the interest of the huge national burden. For instance he demonstrated to England's Premiers, that as the national debt was four thousand millions of dollars, needing at three and a half per cent. one hundred and forty millions a year to pay the interest, and as the government's income from taxes on his business amounted to one hundred and twenty-five millions, that therefore it was absolutely necessary for the financial safety of the country, that the government should sanction, regulate, and support his vast concern.

What he has done there, he has succeeded in accomplishing in almost every civilized country under heaven. Alongside such demonstrations as above noted, he does NOT undertake to show, (as his enemies can prove,) that the immense income from his business derived by the government, is in reality used to maintain vast prison establishments for criminals and convicts; poor houses for poor broken down drunkards; asylums for mad people; a great army of policemen, and a small army of judges, the most part of which are necessitated by his business. However the theory seemed plausible to the premiers, so it was swallowed as sound reasoning, and from that day to this, scarcely a premier or a president can be named who has dared to denounce this Philistine monster as a great imposter. Whether the politicians can see the hypocrisy of this modern Goliath or not, is not for me to say, but if they do, they certainly do not act according to their light. If they do see that this mighty fellow is in league with hell, and is bent on the total degradation of mankind everywhere they have acted very shamelessly in this matter. For some of them have posed before their constituents as favouring temperance legislation; have stumped the country with this thin little plank in their platform, and when the time has approached when the manhood and intelligence of the voters should be placed on record, these pseudo-temperance politicians, have fetched in this cursed old Goliath, he has flooded the country with his damning fire-water, and got the people to vote under the blinding influence of his power, and then these politicians had the face to walk into the legislators assembly as the "Honourable member for so and so," assuming that they are the free and unbiased choices of manly, intelligent, and half christianized people. Instead of which, they have grossly perjured their consciences, retained secret alliances with Goliath, winked at the violation of the law of the country, stooped to insult the manhood of their fellow citizens, and bought and bribed their way into the place of ambition.

Not content with securing all this perversion of right and truth at the polls, this mighty monster engages some of the best legal talent obtainable, to watch with unflagging interest the political movements at the centres of legislation. These shrewd and ungodly lawyers, received very large salaries for these services, and very faithfully do they serve him who engages them. Goliath furnishes them with great means, to lavish on those members whom they can successfully lobby into a consent to those bills that will the more effectually enable Goliath to carry on his traffic unchecked and unhampered. These are the great brewer's watchdogs, who with keen eyes note the rise and fall of the political thermometer, and at once give their rich master a warning signal.

Another way this Philistine has of influencing politics in his favour, is to help his friends who consent to his business, to found newspapers, which he persuades the governments to subsidize. The papers being under the joint control of himself and his bribed political friends do not, and dare not, attack the liquor traffic at headquarters. They portray the bad results of drinking, (for Goliath knows that it pays to denounce extreme use of liquor,) but at the same time these papers throw a respectability around his trade, that is the great stronghold of the traffic, for they gladly fill out