

—in the highest ranks of skilled work no less than in unskilled work—is, in reality a bondage and not an enfranchisement to feminism. The better a man can maintain himself, the more that he achieves independence, the happier he is and the more he fulfils his life. Will any honest sociologist maintain that this is so with a woman? Is the happiest woman the independent woman fighting for her bread and roof in the hurly-burly of the world, or is she the dependent woman, untouched by those hard issues, doing that work of such infinitely greater use to humanity—the care of a home and children?

Wave after wave of industrial unrest has surged over the United Kingdom. How much of that discontent may not be indirectly caused by the disturbance to all classes of labor by the surplus woman's compulsion to work, by her ousting of men from employment, and her lowering of wages? How much of the brawny productiveness, the forward momentum of a nation, is weakened if its population has a minority of men? Women do not hold frontiers, they do not dig mines, they do not build bridges and ironclads and spin great networks of commerce. They do not dredge secrets from the great depths of science; they will not gamble for, and win, improbabilities by man's glorious folly of adventure. They are, in short, so much better and of such finer grain than men that men through all ages will take the brunt of the world to shield them; so much weaker than men that a woman-led nation would lapse into weakness itself. We drift towards that weakness if we do not confront our problem of a minority of men.

#### Granular Eyelids

Trachoma, or granular eyelids, is the disease which the authorities are striving so hard to keep from becoming established in this country. It already prevails here to a considerable extent, but it could be overcome if fresh cases could be excluded; and it is because many would-be immigrants suffer from it that they are turned back from these shores every year.

It is a disease which afflicts chiefly the poorest classes in Europe, especially in Russia and Poland, and its spread through contagion is increased by the dirty and unhygienic surroundings in which these people live.

The disease is extremely contagious, and if introduced into a public school is likely to attack a very large number of the pupils unless it is early recognized and the sufferers are excluded.

The inflammation, which soon becomes chronic in its course, involves at first the mucous membrane which lines the lids, but is almost certain, if neglected, to spread to the covering of the eyeball. If the lid is examined it will be seen to be studded on its under surface with a number of little round bodies of a grayish-white color, embedded in the thickened mucous membrane. The upper lids droop, so that the eyes are only half-open. After a time the eye itself becomes affected and the cornea grows opaque. This leads to more or less complete blindness.

The treatment of granular lids must be energetic, and begun early, if relief is to be hoped for, since the disease is a progressive one, which advances steadily to scarring and impairment of vision unless checked in time.

The treatment is one calling for the skill of the physician. Domestic remedies are useless, even harmful, since the application of them causes dangerous delay and postpones the institution of scientific measures of relief.

For the protection of others it is vitally important that the sufferer from granular lids should have his own toilet articles,—soap, towels, and even wash-basin,—which must on no account be used by others. The towels and handkerchiefs used by him should not go into the common wash, and should always be thoroughly boiled for ten or fifteen minutes and ironed with as hot an iron as can be used without scorching. It is only by the exercise of persistent precautions of this sort that the other members of the family can be protected.

Talents that we use are those that increase. Those that we hoard and bury are the ones that are taken from us. The love and service that we give enrich our own lives and those of others.

## Temperance Talk

### The Root of the Evil

At a ball on one of the big Atlantic liners recently, it is said the fortune of those in attendance aggregated \$1,000,000,000. There were about 500 people present, we are told, which gives an average of \$2,000,000 for each person. But it is to be presumed that some of those present were not wealthy. Of those who were really wealthy, the average would stand much above \$2,000,000 each.

There are only two primary factors in the production of wealth, namely: land and labor. It is not to be taken for granted for a moment that this immense wealth was earned through the labor of those who possess it, though it certainly was earned by labor, for in no other way can wealth be created. It is quite likely that much of this wealth was inherited, but that does not bring us any nearer to the point is to how the original possessor managed to obtain it. As all wealth comes of labor, directly or indirectly from land, it follows that if this wealth was not earned, it must have been taken from others who did not earn it. The

rate or wage will always be close to the margin of subsistence, and often as we know, is below it. Hence we have poverty growing out of the power of privilege to exploit the earnings of the common people. Hence we have vast fortunes wrung from the toil of the exploited.

### An Example

Nashville, Tennessee, is a city that has had a reputation for disregard of liquor laws, but there is likely to be a change, judging from an interview which recently took place in the City Court, and which is reported as follows by the Roanoke-World-News:

"Mr. Sheriff," said Judge Neil, "some of these men boldly threatened the court with assassination, others that my house would be burned down over my head if they were not permitted to continue to open their places and sell as they formerly did. I know that you are ready to do your duty and that you will carry out the orders of this court. I expect to have my way about this thing if I am burned out



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latter presumption is what is actually true. None of these large fortunes were ever earned by those who possess them, or by those who transmitted them to the present possessors. It is safe to say that no great fortune was ever at any time earned. These fortunes come of the privilege which we confer upon a few to levy a tax upon their fellow-citizens. The pennies of the poor go to make up the millions of the rich. Evens the widow's mite and the orphan's crust is tolled to add to the vast fortunes of the privileged few.

As all wealth comes of labor applied to land, so all privilege has its source in monopoly of land. Land monopoly forms the congenial soil out of which all other monopolies spring. Privilege has its roots deep in the soil. We may cut off some of these superficial monopolies or privileges but we can never get complete relief until the great parent of evil is destroyed. Until the land is freed and equality of opportunity is restored to all.

The Creator has supplied the land and all that appertains thereto, the air, the sea, waterpowers, the forests, minerals—all natural materials for the use of all his children. These form the natural opportunity for the production of wealth through the application of labor. We allow a few to monopolize these natural opportunities which were provided for all, whereby they are able to compel others to yield up to them a portion of their earnings. Those who are shut out from natural opportunity must work for those who have monopoly of opportunity, at a rate fixed by those who enjoy the privileges of monopoly conferred upon them by society. That

of house and home and am forced to live in a tent on a vacant lot. For the present, you will see that every saloon door in Nashville is locked. You will place a deputy in front of every place in the event it becomes necessary to do so in enforcing this order."

And the sheriff replying said: "I want it distinctly understood that to the limit of my power and capacity I will execute the directions and orders of Judge Neil in this matter. It goes without saying that I will execute every warrant for arrest or search that may come into my hands. And I further want it understood that I will, under this order of the criminal judge, proceed to actively carry out the order to the extent of my power, both with reference to looking up saloons, and with reference to placing deputies at saloons in all cases necessary to enforce the judge's order, and will appoint and deputize any number of deputies that may be found necessary to carry out this order. My conception of the duties of a sheriff is that he shall promptly and efficiently execute the orders of the courts of the county, and I shall perform this duty to the letter as I understand it."

### Destroy the Destroyer

Acidic liquor made in the distillery, brewery and winery, and sold in the saloon and liquor stores, destroys character, health, happiness, efficiency, wealth, will, productive power, business, homes, love, life and immortal souls.

It produces drunkards, criminals, paupers, insane, profligates, orphans, gamblers,

prostitutes; sorrow, suffering ignorance, idleness, want, disorder, divorce, disease and death.

What good is it? Who is blest by it? Is it right to license and authorize its sale for money?

Would you ever vote to license, such a curse?

You should vote to prohibit its manufacture and sale.

To vote to authorize its manufacture and sale is a greater offence to humanity than to make and to sell it.

Keep your hands free from the blood of men by voting to prohibit it anywhere in the nation.—California Issue.

### Fight It Out

Does Destruction seem to lurk  
All about?

Don't believe it! go to work!

Fight it out!

Danger often turns and flies

From a pair of steady eyes;

Ruin always camps apart

From an undefeated heart.

In the spirit there is much,

Do not doubt,

That the world can never touch!

Fight it out!

Do the portals of your brain

Freedom lack?

Never let them thus remain;

Push them back!

Do not give the efforts o'er,

If they number half a score;

When a hundred of them fail,

Then a thousand might prevail.

Germ beneath a clod must lie,

Ere they sprout;

You may blossom, bye-and-bye;

Fight it out!

All the lessons of the time

Teach us fair,

'Tis a blunder and a crime

To despair!

When we suffer, 'tis to bless

Other moments with success;

From our losses we may trace

Something better in their place.

Everything in earth and sky

Seems to shout,

"Don't give up until you die;

Fight it out!"

### It Sounded Awful

A temperance lecturer once preaching said:—"Now, boys, when I ask you a question, you must not be afraid to speak up, and answer me. When you look around, and see all those fine houses, farms and cattle, do you ever think who owns them all now? Your fathers own them, do they not?" "Yes, sir," shouted a hundred voices. "Where will your fathers be in twenty years?" "Dead," shouted the boys. "That's right. And who will own this property, then?" "Us boys," shouted the urchins. "Right. Now tell me, did you ever in going along the street notice the drunkards lounging around the public-house door, waiting for someone to treat them?" "Yes, sir; lots of them." "Well, where will they be in twenty years from now?" "Dead," exclaimed the boys. "And who will be the drunkards then?" "Us boys." Everybody was thunderstruck. It sounded awful! It was awful, but it was true.—The Vanguard

### Why?

1. Some say alcohol gives strength. If so, why do athletes abstain while training for a race or other contests requiring strength?

2. Some say alcohol gives endurance. If so, why do great employers cut off the supply of drink when work of an especially arduous or lengthened nature is required?

3. Some say alcohol gives heat. If so, why do travellers in the Arctic regions who take drink succumb to the cold, while total abstainers remain unharmed?

4. Some say alcohol is good in hot countries. If so why did Stanley refuse it to his men during his forced march across Africa in search of Emin Pasha?

5. Some say alcohol steadies the nerves. If so, why do surgeons abstain before performing a delicate operation?