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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

Latest Financial News by Mail and Telegraph.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, March 14—1 p.m.—Stock market dull and firm: American Express, 115; Canadian Pacific, 76¾; Canada Southern, 49½; Delaware and Lackawanna, 134½; Lake Shore, 110; Michigan Central, —; Northern Pacific, 27½, preferred, 71½; New York Central, 103½; St. Paul, 55½; preferred, 113; St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba, —; Union Pacific, 45½; Western Union, 81.

London Money Market.

LONDON, March 14—12:30 p.m.—Consols, 96 13-16 for money, 97 15-16 for account; U. S. 4s, 129 ex coupon; U. S. 4s, 104½; St. Paul, 56; Erie seconds, 103; Erie, 19; Pacific Central, 52½; Reading, 15¼; Canadian Pacific, 78; New York Central, 104; Illinois Central, 95; bank of England rate, 3 per cent.; open market discount, 2½.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, March 14.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	225	224½
Ontario	115	114½
Molsons	157½	152½
Toronto	220	215
Merchants	143½	142
Commerce	129	128½
Imperial	159	157
Dominion	233½	232½
Standard	146	145
Hamilton	153	151½
British America	101	100
Western Assurance	146	145½
Canada Life	—	—
Confederation Life Association	—	—
Northwest Land Company	76½	76½
C. P. R. Grant Bonds	—	—
C. P. R. Stock	77	76½
Farmers' Loan and Savings	123½	122½
London and Canada L. & A.	—	—
London and Ontario	—	115
Huron and Erie	99	88
Dominion Savings and Loan	130	122½
Ontario Loan and Debenture	—	115
Canadian Savings and Loan	—	—
London Loan	—	—

SALES—Commerce, 17 and 3 at 128, 29 at 128½; British America, 30 and 20 at 100; Western Assurance, 50 and 100 at 145¾; N. W. L. Co., 50, 100, 150 and 50 at 75½, 50 and 50 at 76; 20, 20 and 30 at 76½, 50 at 76¾; C. P. R. Stock, 100, 20 and 20 at 76¾; Farmers L. & S., 4 and 6 at 123; Dom. S. & L., 20 at 89.

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Clover seed, timothy seed, Mummy, Golden Vine, Crown and Prince Albert peas wanted. Send sample and price to

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COMMERCIAL.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.

Saturday, March 14.

There was a poor turnout on the market today. Farmers report the roads in very bad shape. Some lines, such as eggs, were higher because scarce and the advance will be only temporary as settled weather will increase the supply again. Quotations are as follows:

GRAIN.			
Wheat, per standard bush	$1 00	to	$1 00
Wheat, spring, per 100 lbs	1 60	to	1 67
Wheat, Democrat, per 100 lbs	1 60	to	1 68
Wheat, Clawson, per 100 lbs	1 60	to	1 65
Wheat, red, per 100 lbs	1 60	to	1 67
Rye, per 100 lbs	1 05	to	1 10
Buckwheat	1 05	to	1 10
Oats	1 35	to	1 38
Corn	1 08	to	1 10
Peas	1 10	to	1 20
Beans, per bush	1 25	to	1 30
Barley, per 100 lbs	1 00	to	1 67
PROVISIONS.			
Eggs, retail	15	to	15
Eggs, basket	13	to	13
Eggs, store lots	10	to	11
Butter, pound rolls, basket	20	to	23
Butter, crock or large rolls	17	to	19
Butter, tub or firkin	13	to	15
Cheese	9½	to	15
Lard	10	to	10
Dressed hogs	5 00	to	6 00
Turnips, per bush	25	to	5 50
Carrots, per bush	20	to	32
Potatoes, per bag	85	to	1 00
Parsnips, per bush	60	to	90
Onions, per bush	50	to	50
Apples, bag	80	to	70
Beef, per lb	4 50	to	1 00
Mutton, pr lb	6	to	6 50
Lamb, per lb	8	to	8
Veal, per lb	6	to	9
Chickens, per pair	40	to	0
Ducks, per pair	60	to	70
Turkeys each	70	to	2 00
FLOUR AND FEED.			
Patent roller flour, per 100 lbs	2 75	to	3 00
Roller flour, per 100 lbs	2 50	to	2 70
Stone flour, stone	2 25	to	2 35
Buckwheat flour	2 25	to	2 50
Oatmeal, standard	2 60	to	2 70
Oatmeal, granulated	2 70	to	2 95
Oatmeal, rolled	2 90	to	3 00
Cornmeal	2 00	to	2 20
Bran, per ton	18 00	to	20 00
Shorts, per ton	20 00	to	22 05
Clover seed, per bushel	4 00	to	4 70
Timothy seed, per bushel	1 50	to	1 80
Hay	6 50	to	7 55

Toronto Market.

TORONTO, March 14.

WHEAT—Manitoba hard, No. 2, $1 06 to $1 07; Manitoba hard, No. 3, 96½c to 97½c; spring, No. 2, 95c to 95½; red winter, No. 2, $1 to $1 02; fall, No. 2, $1 to $1 02.

BARLEY—No. 1, 61c to 61c; No. 2, 57c to 58c; No. 3 extra, 52c to 52c; No. 3, 48c to 49c.

PEAS—No. 2, 71c to 72c.

OATS—No. 2, 50c to 53c.

CORN—61c to 62c.

FLOUR—Extra, $3 90 to $3 90; straight roller, $4 40 to $4 50; superfine, $3 25 to $3 35; fine, $3 00 to $3 20.

Market quiet. Sales—Straight roller flour at $4 40; No. 2 spring wheat at 95c; oats, outside at 49c to 50c, and on track at 53c.

Montreal Market.

MONTREAL, March 14.

FLOUR—Receipts, 2,150 bbls; market quiet and unchanged. Patents winter, $5 25 to $5 50; do. spring, $5 50 to $5 75; straight roller, $4 60 to $4 80; extra, $4 25 to $4 40; superfine, $3 00 to $4 15; strong bakers, $4 85 to $5 00; Ontario bags, $1 50 to $2 10; city bags, $5 25.

GRAIN—Nominal, wheat, No. 2 hard Manitoba, $1 05 to $1 06; corn, 72c to 73c; peas, 78c to 80c; oats, 52c to 54c; barley, 53c to 65c; rye, 67c to 68c.

MEAL—Oatmeal, $5 25 to $5 50; cornmeal, $3 25.

PROVISIONS — Mess pork, $15 50 to $16; lard, 7c to 8½c; bacon, 9c to 10c; hams, 10c to 11c; cheese, 9c to 10½c; butter, townships, 16c to 21c; Morrisburg 16c to 21c; Western, 14c to 16c; creamery, 20c to 24c; eggs firmer, held for fresh 19c to 20c.

English Markets.

Beerbohm's Report by Cable.

LONDON, March 14.

Floating cargoes—Wheat and corn nil.

Cargoes on passage—Wheat, rather easier; corn, steady.

Liverpool—Spot wheat quiet and firm, corn downward tendency; corn 5s 3d—1d cheaper.

Liverpool futures—Wheat and corn dull; No. 1 Cal. 8s 3½d May, 8s 2½d June, 8s 11½d July, 8s 12d Aug. and Sept., corn 5s 5½d March, 5s 7d April, June and July, 5s 7½d May, 5s 8d Aug., 5s 8½d Sept.

LIVERPOOL, March 14.

The quotations for the past three market days are as follows:

	March. 12.		March 13		March 14.	
	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.
Spring	7 7½	7 8	7 7½	7 8	7 7½	7 8
Red winter	7 6½	7 7	7 6½	7 7	7 6½	7 7
No. 1 Cal.	8 3	8 3½	8 3	8 3½	8 3	8 0
Corn	5 8	0 0	5 8	0 0	5 7½	0 0
Peas, per c.	5 11	0 0	6 1	0 0	6 1	0 9
Pork	47 6	0 0	48 9	0 0	48 9	0 0
Lard	31 0	0 0	31 6	0 0	31 0	0 0
Bacon, s. c.	27 0	00 0	28 0	00 0	28 0	00 0
Bacon, l. c.	27	27 0	28 0	00 0	28 0	00 0
Tallow	25 0	00 0	26 0	00 0	26 3	00 0
Cheese, wh.	54 0	00 0	54 6	00 0	55 0	00 0
Cheese, col.	54 0	00 0	54 6	00 0	55 0	00 0

Wheat steady, demand moderate; holders offer sparingly. Corn quiet, demand poor.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, March 14.

LEADING FUTURES CLOSED:

WHEAT — March, 98¾c; May, $1 00¾; July, 96¾c.

CORN—March, 59c; May, 60¾c; July, 59¾c.

OATS—May, 50¾c; June, 50c; July, 47¾c.

MESS PORK—March, $10 57½; May, $10 77½; July, $11 15.

LARD—March, $6 05; May, $6 20; July, $6 42½.

SHORT RIBS—March, $5 05; May, $5 22½; July, $5 52½.

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Flour steady, unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 98¾c to $1; No. 2 red, $1 00 to $1 00¾; No. 2 corn, 59c to 59½c; No. 2 oats, 49½c to 49¾c; No. 2 rye, 92c; mess pork, $10 50 to $10 62½; lard, $6 02½ to $6 05; short ribs sides, $5 to $5 10; dry salted shoulders, $4 15 to $4 25; short clear sides, $5 25 to $5 30.

Receipts—			
Flour, bbls	9,000	Wheat, bu	22,000
Corn, bu	215,000	Oats, bu	171,000
Rye	10,000	Barley	26,000
Shipments—			
Flour, bbls	9,000	Wheat, bu	27,000
Corn, bu	148,000	Oats, bu	97,000
Rye, bu	6,000	Barley, bu	8,000

NEW YORK, March 14.

FLOUR—Receipts irregular; moderately active.

WHEAT—Receipts, 45,000 bu; exports, 68,281 bu; sales, 2,160,000 bu futures; 34,000 bu spot; spot quiet and lower; No. 2 red, $1 14½, elevator; $1 15½ afloat; $1 15 to $1 16 f. o. b.; No. 1 northern, $1 22½; No. 1 hard, $1 25½; options closed ⅜c to ¾c lower; weak; No. 2 red, March, $1 13½; May, $1 10; June, $1 03½; July, $1 02½; Aug., $1 01½.

RYE—Dull; 90c to 95c.

BARLEY—Quiet and firm; No. 2 Milwaukee, 82c to 83c; ungraded western, 77½c to 85c; Canada, 88c to 90c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; Canada country-made, $1 to $1 05; city do, $1 05 to $1 10.

CORN—Receipts, 48,100 bu; exports, 203,314 bu; sales, 544,000 bu futures; 42,500 bu spot; spot dull; ungraded mixed, 71c to 73½c; options closed weak, ⅜c to 1c lower; March, 70c; May, 66c; June, 65½c; July, 65½c.

OATS—Receipts, 46,000 bu; sales, 66,000 bu spot; spot dull and lower; options dull; nominally lower; March and April, 57c; May, 56½c; spot No. 2, 57c to 57½c; mixed western, 55½c to 58½c; white, do., 57c to 63c.

OSWEGO, March 14.

WHEAT—Firm; White State sold at $1 11.

CORN—Unchanged; No. 2 yellow at 69½c.

OATS—53c.

BARLEY—Nominal; No. 2 extra Canada at 85c; No. 1 Canada at 90c.

TOLEDO, March 14.

WHEAT—Quiet; $1 03½ cash, $1 04½ May, 98½c July, 96½c Aug.

CORN—Dull; 61c cash and May.

OATS—Dull; 53c cash and May.

DETROIT, March 14.

WHEAT—No. 1 white, $1 03 asked cash; No. 2 red $1 04 asked cash, $1 05 asked May, 97½c July, 95½c Aug.

MILWAUKEE, March 14.

WHEAT—Quiet; 96½c cash and May, 95½c July.

Petrolea Oil Market.

PETROLEA, March 14.—Oil yesterday opened at $1 30½, closing at $1 30½. No transactions reported to-day.

Live Stock Markets.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; shipments, 1,500; market slow; steers, fancy, $5 40 to $5 50; common to choice, $4 to $5 25; cows, $3 to $4; heifers, $3 75 to $4 50; stockers, $3 to $3 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 30,000; shipments, 15,000; market 10c lower; heavy, $3 80 to $4; mixed, packing, $3 55 to $3 80; skips and selected light, $3 50 to $3 80; prime, heavy and butchers' weights, $3 85 to $4.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; shipments, 500; market dull, being hardly enough sheep on sale to make market; natives, $3 75 to $5; westerns, $5 00; lambs, $5 60 to $5 90.

EAST BUFFALO, N.Y.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y., March 14.—Cattle—None on sale. The receipts of cattle were all consigned through, but there were two loads holding over from yesterday's arrivals; feelings generally regarded as steady; calves continued dull at yesterday's decline.

Sheep and Lambs—Thirteen loads on sale; the market ruled with a better demand, and prices were about steady at the decline of yesterday, or about 10c to 15c lower than Thursday's values; sheep, choice to extra, $5 85 to $6 25; good to choice, $5 25 to $5 75; lambs, choice to extra, $6 60 to $6 85; good to choice, $6 to $6 50.

Hogs—Thirteen cars on sale; market ruled with an active demand, and prices were 10c to 15c stronger; Yorkers, good to choice, ranged from $4 10 to $4 17½; good light, $4 to $4 05; good to choice medium, $4 15 to $4 20; choice heavy, also $4 15 to $4 20; pigs, $3 50 to $3 75.

The Lamb's Market.

Sales have transpired in this market of finest cheese at 11½c and holders of a few finest Septembers are asking 11½c. The sale of a lot of skims was make as high as 9½c. The market here is now pretty well cleared of stock, the English demand having kept upsplendidly considering the immense production of the past season which was larger than that of any previous year. Advices from England speak of an excellent trade in Canadian cheese, with prices steadily rising.—[Montreal Trade Bulletin.

The Handsomest Woman in London remarked to a friend the other day that she knew Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs was a superior remedy, as it stopped her cough instantly, when other cough remedies had no effect whatever. So to prove this and convince you of its merit any druggist will give you a sample bottle free. Large size 50 cents and $1. zxv

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LONDON AND ENVIRONS.

—Prof. Mounteer, of this city, was recently called to Toronto to confer with Rev. Manly Benson, re a summer school of elocution and oratory at Grimsby Park, Ont. Arrangements are now completed and a school will be established with Prof. F. J. Brown, late instructor in oratory in State Normal School, W. Va., president, and A. C. Mounteer, B.E., secretary. Professors Brown and Mounteer are both honor graduates of the National School of Elocution and Oratory, Philadelphia, the former being a medalist and also a graduate of the Murdoch School of Dramatic Art, Boston.

Ambitious Barristers.

The "lists" of rival candidates for Law Society honors are getting very plentiful, and the members of the legal profession are getting worked up to some enthusiasm over the election, which promises to be one of the most exciting yet held. A meeting of a number of prominent members of the Toronto junior bar was held again on Wednesday, when the following list was unanimously agreed to as their "ticket" for recommendation to the profession at large:

George A. Kirkpatrick, Q.C., Kingston.
John Hoskin, Q.C., Toronto.
James K. Kerr, Q.C., Toronto.
William Mortimer Clark, Q.C., Toronto.
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A. B. Aylesworth, Q.C., Toronto.
James V. Teetzel, Q.C., Hamilton.
James Magee, Q.C., London.
Edward Martin, Q.C., Hamilton.
Alexander J. Christie, Q.C., Ottawa.
William Ralph Meredith, Q.C., London.
Dalton McCarthy, Q.C., Toronto.
C. J. Holman, Toronto.
Wm. Barclay McMurrich, Q.C., Toronto.
George Tait Blackstock, Q.C., Toronto.
Christopher Robinson, Q.C., Toronto.
George F. Shepley, Q.C., Toronto.
George H. Watson, Q.C., Toronto.
D. H. McLennan, Q.C., Cornwall.
J. A. Barron, Q.C., Lindsay.
Matthew Wilson, Q.C., Chatham.
Britton Bath Osler, Q.C., Toronto.
Charles Moss, Q.C., Toronto.
Donald Guthrie, Q.C., Guelph.
J. T. Garrow, Q.C., Goderich.
Huson W. M. Murray, Q.C., Toronto.
James S. Fullarton, Q.C., Toronto.

The London Asylum.

The nineteenth annual report of the London Insane Asylum for the year ending Oct. 1, 1890, as prepared by Dr. Bucke and printed in the report of the inspector, shows that many improvements were made and that the institution has been conducted in an efficient manner. In residence at the time of the report were 946 patients, as against 908 the previous October. During the year 1,053 patients were treated, 45 of whom died—all from natural causes—40 were discharged, 3 men eloped, 19 were transferred to Toronto. The annual recovery rate from opening up to date was 41.18 per cent. The old amusement rooms had been changed into an infirmary, being found one of the best improvements ever made at the asylum. After referring to a large number of minor improvements and proposed alterations, the superintendent referred to the efficiency of the fire brigade and the splendid results of the new system of sewage disposal. Neither mechanical restraint nor alcohol in any form were used. Alcoholic beverages were not used in either sickness or health. The patients had been kept employed during the year according to their bodily strength. In the new amusement hall 85 entertainments, dances, concerts and lectures were given during the year, the total attendance of patients being 21,578, or an average of 254. The annual sports, the band concerts, the newly-organized patients' band and musical matters under Dr. Sippi's supervision are dealt with by the report in detail. The average attendance at religious services conducted by the city clergy on Sundays was 420. The grippe epidemic early in 1890 caused considerable trouble. The present staff, Drs. Beemer, Barber and Ross, was referred to as being zealous and industrious, while the attendants and employes had done their duty very satisfactorily. The farm and garden crops were scarcely up to the average. The report also contains a large amount of interesting statistical information.

The Failures of a Week.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The failures reported during the last seven days number for the United States 239, and for Canada 34, or a total of 273, as compared with a total of 265 last week, and 290 the week previous to the last. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 282, representing 247 failures in the United States and 35 in the Dominion of Canada.

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Cyclone of Bargains and Cyclone of Buyers.

On the first day of opening of Powell's great bankrupt sale they were forced to lock the shop doors several times during the day. The crowd of buyers was so immense that they were crushing and crowding each other in the space between the counters and in the mantle and millinery showroom, and it became an absolute necessity to protect the buyers from being hurt by the anxious ones who were looking after the bargains. Every customer that was fortunate enough to get space at the counters to make their purchases were anxious to find their neighbors to let them know about the wonderful bargains at the great bankrupt sale. The fact should be borne in mind by readers of the ADVERTISER that this great rush is to be kept up until the trustee of the estate is paid the amount of cash due him for the stock purchased. Remember the sale is going on at Powell's old stand, 134 Dundas street, London, Ont. b

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PLEASURES THAT KILL.

Rev. Dr. Talmage Discourses on "Baleful Amusements."

He Has No Sympathy with a Straight-Jacket Religion,

But Describes How to Judge the Moral Character of Our Recreation.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Dr. Talmage's sermon to-day was on "Baleful Amusements," text, II. Samuel, ii., 14: "Let the young men now arise and play before us."

There are two armies encamped by the pool of Gibeon. The time hangs heavily on their hands. One army proposes a game of sword-fencing. The other army accepts the challenge. Twelve men against twelve men, the sport opens. But something went adversely and that which opened in sportfulness, ended in violence, each one taking his contestant by the hair, and then with the sword thrusting him in the side; so that that which opened in innocent fun, ended in the massacre of all the 24 sportsmen. Was there ever a better illustration of what was true then, and what is true now, that that which is innocent may be made destructive? What of a worldly nature is more important and strengthening and innocent than amusement, and yet what has counted more victims? I have no sympathy with a stright-jacket religion. This is a very bright world to me, and I propose to do all I can to make it bright for others. I never could keep step to a dead-march. I believe the church of God has made a tremendous mistake in trying to suppress the sportfulness of youth, and drive out from men their love of amusement. If God ever implanted anything in us, he implanted this desire. But instead of providing for this demand of our nature, the church of God has, for the main part, ignored it. As in a riot, the mayor plants a battery at the end of the street, and has it fired off, so that everything is cut down that happened to stand in the range; the good as well as the bad, so there are men in the church who plant their batteries of condemnation, and fire away indiscriminately. Everything is condemned. But my Bible commends those who use the world without abusing it, and in the natural world God has done everything to please and amuse us. In poetic figure we sometimes speak of natural objects as being in pain, but it is a mere fancy. Poets say the clouds weep, but they never yet shed a tear, and that the winds sigh, but they never did have any trouble; and that the storm howls, but it never lost its temper. The world is a rose and the universe a garland.

I am glad to know that in all our cities there are plenty of places where we may find elevated moral entertainment. But all honest men and good women will agree with me in the statement that one of the worst plagues in these cities is corrupt amusement. Multitudes have gone down under the blasting influence never to rise. To help stay the plague now raging, I project certain principles by which you may judge in regard to any amusement or recreation, finding out for yourself whether it is right or whether it is wrong.

I remark, in the first place, that you can judge of the moral character of any amusement by its healthful results or by its baleful reaction. There are people who seem made up of hard facts. They are a combination of multiplication tables and statistics. If you show them an exquisite picture they will begin to discuss the pigments involved in the coloring. If you show them a beautiful rose they will submit it to a botanical analysis, which is only the post-mortem examination of a flower. They have no rebound in their nature. They never do anything more than smile. There are no great tides of feeling surging up from the depths of their soul, in billow after billow of reverberating laughter. They seem as if nature had built them by contract, and made a bungling job out of it. But blessed be God, there are people in the world who have bright faces, and whose life is a song, an anthem, a pean of victory. Even their troubles are like the vines that crawl up the side of a great tower, on the top of which the sunlight sits and the soft airs of summer hold perpetual carnival. They are the people you like to have come to your house. If you but touch the hem of their garments you are healed. Now it is these exhilarant and sympathetic and warm-hearted people that are most tempted to pernicious amusements. In proportion as a ship is swift it wants a strong helmsman; in proportion as a horse is gay it wants a stout driver; and these people of exuberant nature will do well to look at the reaction of all their amusements. If an amusement sends you home at night nervous so that you cannot sleep, and you rise up in the morning, not because you are slept out, but because your duty drags you from your slumbers, you have been where you ought not to have been. There are amusements that send a man next day to his work bloodshot, yawning, stupid, nauseated; and they are wrong kinds of amusement. They are entertainments that give a man disgust with the drudgery of life. If any amusement sends you home longing for a life of romance and thrilling adventure, love that takes poison and shoots itself, moonlight adventures and hairbreadth escapes, you may depend upon it that you are the sacrificed victim of unsatisfied pleasure. Our recreations are intended to build us up; and if they pull us down as to our moral or as to our physical strength you may come to the conclusion that they are obnoxious. Still further; those amusements are wrong which lead you into expenditure beyond your means. Money spent in recreation is not thrown away. It is all folly for us to come from a place of amusement feeling that we have wasted our money and time. You may by it have made an investment worth more than the transaction that yielded you hundreds of thousands of dollars. But how many properties have been riddled by costly amusements. Beware! beware! oh, young man. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof is death." The table has been robbed to pay the club. The champagne has cheated the children's wardrobe. The carousing party has burned up the boy's primer. The table-cloth of the corner saloon is in debt to the wife's faded dress. Excursions that in a day make a tour around a whole month's wages; ladies whose lifetime business it is to "go shopping;" large bets on horses, have their counterparts in uneducated children; bankruptcies that shock the money market and appal the church, and that send drunkenness staggering across the richly-figured carpet of the mansion, and dashing into the mirror, and drowning out the carol of music with the whooping of bloated sons come home to break their old mother's heart. When men go into amusements they cannot afford they first borrow what they cannot earn, and then they steal what they cannot borrow. First they go into embarrassment, and then into lying, and then into theft; and when a man gets as far on as that he does not stop short of the penitentiary. There is not a prison in the land where there are not victims of unsanctified amusements. How brightly the path of unrestrained amusement opens. The young man says, "Now I am off for a good time. Never mind economy. I'll get money somehow. What a fine road! What a beautiful day for a ride! Crack the whip and over the turnpike! Come, boys, fill high your glasses. Drink! Long life, health, plenty of rides just like this!" Hard-working men hear the clatter of the hoofs and look up and say, "Why, I wonder where those fellows get their money from! We have to toil and drudge. They do nothing." To these gay men life is a thrill and an excitement. They stare at other people, and in turn are stared at. The watch chain jingles. The cup foams. The cheeks flush. The eyes flash. The midnight hears their guffaw. They swagger. They jostle decent men off the sidewalk. They take the name of God in vain. They parody the hymn they learned at their mother's knee; and to all pictures of coming disaster they cry out, "Who cares!" and to the counsel of some Christian friend, "Who are you?" Passing along the street some night you hear a shriek in a grog-shop, the rattle of the watchman's club, the rush of the police. What is the matter now? Oh, this reckless young man has been killed in a grog-shop fight. Carry him home to his father's house. Parents will come down and wash his wounds and close his eyes in death. They forgive him all he ever did, although he cannot in his silence ask it. The prodigal has got home at last. Mother will go to her little garden, and get the sweetest flowers, and twist them into a chaplet for the silent heart of the wayward boy, and push back from the bloated brow the long locks that were once her pride. And the air will be rent with the agony.

I go further, and say those are unchristian amusements which become the chief business of a man's life. Life is an earnest thing. Whether we were born in a palace or a hovel; whether we are affluent or pinched, we have to work. If you do not sweat with toil, you will sweat with disease. You have a soul that is to be transfigured amidst the pomp of a judgment day; and after the sea has sung its last chant, and the mountain shall have come down in an avalanche of rock, you will live and think and act, high on a throne where seraphs sing, or deep in a dungeon where demons howl. In a world where there is so much to do for yourselves, and so much to do for others, God pity that man who has nothing to do. Your sports are merely means to an end. They are alleviations and helps. The arm of toil is the only arm strong enough to bring up the bucket out of the deep well of pleasure. Amusement is only the bower where business and philanthropy rest while on their way to stirring achievements. Amusements are merely the vines that grow about the anvil of toil, and the blossoming of the hammers. Alas for the man who spends his life in laboriously doing nothing, his days in hunting up lounging-places and loungers, his nights in seeking out some gas-lighted foolery! The man who always has on his sporting-jacket, ready to hunt for game in the mountain or fish in the brook, with no time to pray, or work, or read, is not so well off as the greyhound that runs by his side, or the fly bait with which he whips the stream.

Again. Any amusement that gives you a distaste for domestic life is bad. How many bright domestic circles have been broken up by sinful amusements? There are to-day the fragments before me of blasted households. Oh, if you have wandered away, I would like to charm you back by the sound of that one word, 'home.' Do you know that you have but little more time to give to domestic welfare? Do you not see, father, that your children are soon to go out into the world, and all the influence for good you are to have over them you must have now. Death will break in on your conjugal relations, and alas, if you have to stand over the grave of one who perished from your neglect! By the memory of that day when, in presence of men and angels, you promised to be faithful to your wedded partner in joy and sorrow, in sickness and in health; my the memory of those pleasant hours when you sat together in your new home talking of a bright future; by the cradle and the joyful hours when one life was spared and another given; by that sick-bed, when the little one lifted up the hands and called for help, and you knew he must die, and he put one arm around each of your necks and brought you very near together in that dying kiss; by the little grave in Greenwood that you never think of without a rush of tears; by the neglects of the past, and by the agonies of the future; by a judgment-day, when husbands and wives, parents and children, in immortal groups, will stand to be caught up in shining array, or to shrink down into darkness; by all th[illegible] you give to home your [illegible] tions. Ah, there is an hour c[illegible] when our past life will probably [illegible] before us in review. It will be our [illegible] hour. If from our death pillow we ha[illegible] look back and see a life spent in sin [illegible] amusement, there will be a dart that [illegible] strike through our soul sharper than [illegible] dagger with which Virginius slew his d[illegible] The memory of the past will make us o[illegible] like Macbeth. The iniquities and [illegible] which we have passed will come upo[illegible] weird and skeleton as Meg Mer[illegible] Death, the old Shylock, will demand, [illegible] take, the remaining pound of flesh, and [illegible] remaining drop of blood; and upon our last [illegible] opportunity for repentance, and our last [illegible] chance for heaven, the curtain will forever [illegible] drop.

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