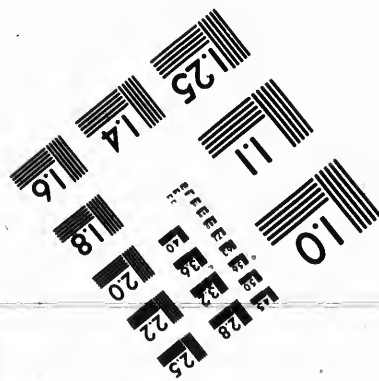
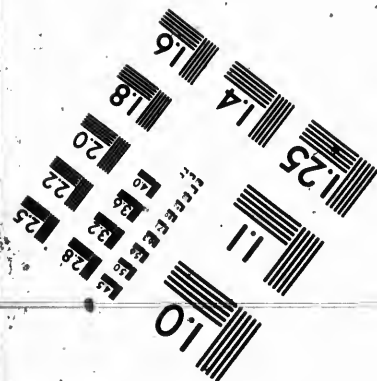
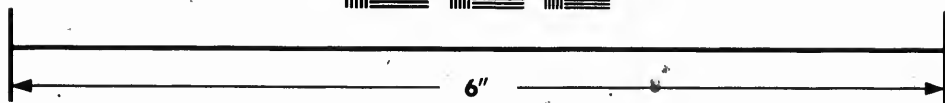
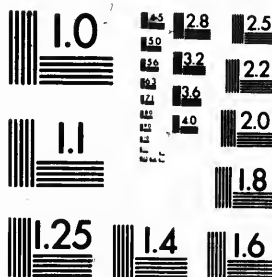


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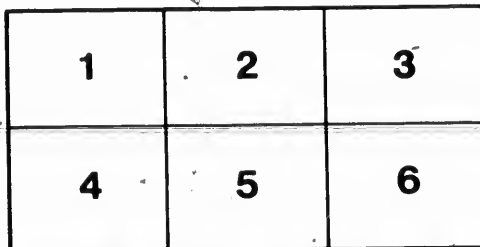
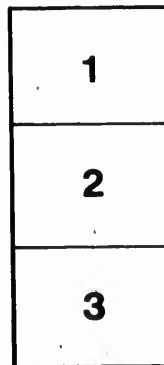
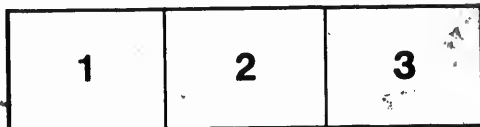
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## A Dangerous Occupation.

A little thought will convince any careful inquirer that while prohibition would be a benefit to all, there is no class in the community that would really be more advantaged by its operation than would those who are now engaged in selling liquor. The business they are at present carrying on is physically perilous, socially in bad repute and morally degrading. Many insurance companies will take no risks on liquor sellers' lives. Those who carry on the traffic keenly feel, and sometimes bitterly complain of the social obloquy which they and their families have to endure. Men have given up liquor selling to save their children from the disgrace of connection with it.

It is a business that deadens the moral sensibility and destroys the finer feelings and better nature of those who carry it on. The successful saloon-keeper makes himself the means of ruining his fellows, robbing wives and children of happiness and homes, and cursing humanity with poverty, distress and sin. No other occupation so mercilessly breaks down all that is really noble and worthy and generous in man. The community has no right to sanction a traffic that is so debasing to all who touch it.

### IS THERE NOT A CAUSE.

Thoughtful men and women who have given this subject careful attention, have become convinced that the destructive liquor business bears unmistakable marks of Divine displeasure. A little examination of the history of those whom we have known connected with the liquor traffic for a number of years will convince us at any rate of its terrible danger. Suggestive details can readily be obtained of the singularly awful end of persons and families who within the memory of men now living, have been engaged in drink-making and selling in the past. Accumulated property has vanished away, violent deaths have been marvelously frequent, an unusually large number of persons once related to the business are now inmates of charitable or penal institutions, or lingering on the miserable existence of degraded outcasts.

The full extent of this terrible evil is not open to the public gaze. The remorse of the father who knows that his own business has been the ruin of his beloved boy, the anguish of the wife or mother who sees the sure, steady havoc that is being made in all she cherishes most on earth, are carefully concealed. There are family secrets hidden away behind asylum walls and prison bars. Rev. Dwight L. Moody said some time ago, "If you can find a man in the whiskey business for twenty years who has not a skeleton in his closet I would like to see him."

Is this strange? Would it not be remarkable if an occupation so fraught with ruin to others did not leave the evidence of its destruct-

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ive operation upon those who carried it on? "The curse causeless shall not come." But is there not a cause? "Woe unto him who buildeth his house with blood."

## STATISTICS SHOW IT.

Reliable statistics fully bear out all that has been stated. They show conclusively that the liquor traffic has an unusually heavy record of disease, insanity, crime and premature death. This is made clear by the following official statements:—

The report of the Registrar-General of England and Wales for 1885 gave the results of a very careful inquiry concerning the death-rate of all males between the ages of 25 and 65, and of separate classes of males, by occupation. The death-rate of "all males" is placed at 1,000, and on this basis the following comparative figures are presented:

Death-rate of			
All males .....	1,000	Coal miners .....	891
<i>Clergymen</i> .....	556	Masons and bricklayers .....	969
<i>Farmers, etc.</i> .....	631	Plumbers, painters, etc. ....	1,202
Laborers, agricultural .....	701	<i>Brewers</i> .....	1,361
Males in selected healthy distr's.	804	<i>Saloon-keep's, beer-deal's, etc.</i>	1,521
Carpenters and joiners.....	820	<i>Hotelserants, bartend'rs, etc.</i>	2,205

The Registrar-General, in his summary of the facts shown in his report, makes the significant comment that "the mortality of men who are directly concerned in the liquor trade is appalling,"

Some years ago a Parliamentary Committee dealing with the liquor question, took the evidence of Rowland Burr, Esq. of the city of Toronto, in reference to his personal knowledge of the history of families engaged in the liquor business. That gentleman stated that for fifty-four years he had kept a careful record of one hundred families of liquor sellers on Yonge St., in and north of the city, which during that time had suffered the following disasters:—

Value of property in real estate squandered and lost .....	\$234,800
Premature deaths .....	203
Women left widows .....	46
Children left orphans .....	235
Sudden deaths .....	44
Suicides publicly known .....	13
Murders .....	4
Executions .....	3
Probable years of human life lost .....	1,915

In the prohibition movement there is no ill-will towards liquor sellers. They are engaged in a calling that is lawful even though it is destructive and degrading. Many of them are men of intelligence, of integrity, of business ability; and they are their best friends who desire to see these God-given talents occupied in some better way. Hotel-keeping in itself is a useful and honorable occupation. It would be as respectable as any other business if it were not connected with this traffic so rightly denounced and contemned. Prohibition would be a blessing to the whole community; and most of all to those who now suffer the danger and disgrace that their connection with the liquor-traffic brings upon them.



