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## THE CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS

A REVIEW OF THE MANY ACCIDENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN THIS CITY DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS FINDS THEIR ORIGIN DUE PRINCIPALLY TO ONE OR THE OTHER OF FOUR MAIN CAUSES:

## 3. CARELESSNESS UNDUE HASTE 1. 4. DRUNKENNESS 2. THOUGHTLESSNESS

In many cases "negligence" has been attributed as the cause; many accidents have also occurred which seemed unavoidable, but generally it is found that the victim was to blame. In practically every case observance of simple safety rules would have acted as a preventive.

UNDUE HASTE-Under this head comes the pedestrian hurrying to pass in front of a moving train, street car or automobile. An arm, a leg and oftentimes a life is the sacrifice paid for the attempt to save a moment's time.

In the shop is found UNDUE HASTE in stepping from a moving elevator, or attempting to fix a belt or make a slight adjustment of moving machinery. A moment's wait after the whistle has blown is better than a hasty rush for the time-clock. There's plenty of time and you are less liable to injury.

NO EMPLOYER ASKS YOU TO TAKE A CHANCE WITH A MOVING ELEVATOR OR MACHINERY.

"MORE HASTE, LESS SPEED." There is always time to stop at the curb to see if the street is clear. If you miss your car there will be another along in a few minutes.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF TEMPERANCE**

As more and more things are done by machinery, as trolley cars supplant horse cars, as implements of greater precision and refinement take the place of cruder ones, as the speed at which machinery is run is increased, as the intensity with which people work becomes greater, necessity of having a clear head during hours of labor becomes imperative and every condition that surrounds modern business life necessitates sobriety on the part of the worker.

Injuries to the drinking man heal slowly.

The sober man thinks before he acts. Alcohol makes

It is necessary that he should enter upon his work with a clear mind and a mastery of himself that he can never have if addicted to the use of strong liquors.

a man act before he thinks.

Insurance records show that drink shortens life eleven per cent.

Ex-Governor Foss, of Massachusetts, who is one of the country's largest employers, attributes forty per cent of all industrial accidents to liquor.

Alcoholism renders the workman less active and skill-ful, and adds to the possibility of accident.

Safety and Health of the public improve by lessening the use of alcohol.

Workers who frequent drinking places going to or coming from work are rapidly being replaced by nondrinking men.

Many employers have adopted the above policy, and notices have been bulletined.

Temperance reduces Accidents.



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