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Liquor Traffic and Rum Seller.

Surely a momentous subject before us for consideration.

O, what an awful weight of misery, of woe and of poverty hang on the two words Liquor Traffic. I know it has been argued that it is respectable and honest business. O! yes it is honest in the extreme I suppose, when it takes the bread from children's mouths and places it in the shape of hard earned money, in the pocket of the Liquor vender.

Of course it must be a respectable business that passes over the counter, that which is intended to send a man reeling along the streets like a maniac; and, oftentimes finding a resting place in the gutter; being made even lower than the brute creation; which have neither mind or spirit.

If there is one crying evil of to-day more manifest than another, it is the Liquor business. It may be argued in favor of the accused traffic, that man is a free agent, he can take or he can let alone; and it is said by Liquor venders that they are very sorry to see men going to ruin, but that they can not help it. Ah! why do they hold out the tempting bait to the weak, tempted mortal, who knows there is sorrow, and everlasting destruction behind it, and yet is too weak to resist the temptation held out to him by the man who professes to pity him. Now, can they tell me, in the face of all the arguments that have been advanced in favor of the Liquor Traffic, of any thing that has caused more misery, more sorrow, and scattered death more generally all over the land; and has been more body and soul-destroying in its power than just the Traffic in intoxicating drinks. When was raged in this, "the land of the free and the home of the brave," what anxious prayers, and waitings to hear the news and O! the bitter tears that were shed when a loved one chanced to fall in battle. But see the tears, the broken hearts, and list to the groans that rise from starving families, using their last strength against that fiend, intemperance, that has taken from them all that they held most dear in life. See the great army of King Alcohol marching to their doom; and some at double-quick, and one thing is certain, they must buy and pay for their own destruction at the grog shop or the bar-room.

If there was no Liquor to be had, what an Eden this country might soon become. Is it not the Whiskey, trade that builds and fills our jails with criminals, that erects houses of reform, crowds the penitentiaries, and causes the streets and thoroughfares to be infested with beggars and vagrants? Yes, it is nothing more or less, and when will the scales fall from the people's eyes, that they may see clearly to oppose this great, this terrible evil.

And now we turn for a little while, to the Rum seller, or in other words, the Drunkard maker. The picture is so revolting, we fain would close our eyes to the evil and, no doubt it would be easiest so to do, did not justice and right demand a fair presentation. There has been a great deal said and written, about the hardness of some men's hearts, the callousness of their natures, and their extreme selfishness, and I think the Rum Seller possesses these traits of character to perfection. Who with a tender heart would take the hard-earned money from a man's hand, and sometimes the clothing, taken from off his back, as payment for the pints and gills of poison handed to him as one means of making him lower than the brute creation? Who with a kind, and susceptible nature could look unmoved on the effects of intemperance, as caused by himself, and not be disgusted at heart with the business. To see the homes which were once the centers of affection, peace and joy, invaded and made desolate by the ravages of intemperance, and still continue to deal out the poison, that ruins body and soul, certainly shows the nature of the man. Another assumed shield of the Rum seller is that he is licensed by government, and has paid his dues. Yes, he may have paid the claims of government, he can do that with money, but how is he to settle the claims of his God. A man may be licensed by his elbow men to spread destruction, and desolation all around, but what says the word of God on this subject, "Cursed be every one that putteth the bottle to his brother's lips;" and as all men are brethren by creation, it is

therefore to be considered, as a sweeping denunciation of the business. Yes; one may say "why should I give up the business; there are so many engaged in the business and why should I not make my living and perhaps a fortune by selling Liquor. I do not force men to buy or drink." Well, if one man or a dozen see fit to injure themselves and their fellowmen by the business, is it said that another must engage or continue in it. Every one that quits the business but leaves the number less; and it will be glorious era for our country, and all other countries, when the man they call a Rum Seller, is nowhere to be found. The excuse that they do not force men to drink is only partly true. They may not even urge men to drink, and yet, to think of the men, both young and old, who would to-day be living honest and true lives, free from crimes were it not for the bar-rooms and grog-shops in their way.

It is dreadful in deed to think of the certain doom awaiting the drunkard, and of the long account held against him in God's book of remembrance; but, pray tell me who is, as we sometimes say the First Cause or the one on which the first and most blame is to rest. Is it not the Drunkard Maker? When the Bible says no drunkard can inherit the kingdom of Heaven; where O! where shall the Rum Seller be found. How must he feel when called to depart this life, without preparation for eternity, and go down to eternal misery, along with those he has helped to ruin; a heavier condemnation resting upon him on account of the many others he has dragged down with himself.

The hope of the country is the rising generation, and if the boys and girls of to-day, each and every one could be taught and pledged against the use of intoxicating drinks altogether, what a blessed thing it would be. Let the places of the Drunkard and the Rum Seller (as they drop into their graves) be filled with good, sober, and true men.

While the friends of temperance have done, and are still doing valiant service, in many ways, yet it seems as though all their plans, and the means they have used, fall short of reaching the root of the matter; and the entire annihilation of the whiskey trade depends upon the young of to-day. May that day soon dawn when Temperance shall cover the whole land; when there shall not even be found a Drunkard or a Drunkard-Maker to mar the peace or disturb the harmony of nature's laws.

Snyderstown, Pa. A. C. G. [From the Detroit Free Press.] A Stubborn Ticket Agent. Yesterday afternoon an old man appeared before the Detroit and Lansing Railroad ticket window at the Central depot and asked: "What you charge for a ticket to Lansing?" "Two-sixty, sir," replied the agent, wetting his thumb and reaching out for the money. "Two dollar and sixty cents?" exclaimed the stranger, pulling his head out of the window. "Yes, sir, that is the regular fare." "Then I shtays here by Detroit forty years!" said the man getting red in the face. "I have never seen me sush'n swindle as dat!" "Two-sixty is the regular fare, and you will have to pay it if you go, replied the agent. "I shtuf get you \$2 und no more," said the stranger. "No; I can't do it." "Vell, den, I shtays mit Detroit till I dies," growled the old man, and he went away and walked around the depot. He expected to be called back as he left the window, as a man is often called back to "take it along" when he has been chaffing with a clothing dealer. Such an event did not occur; and after a few minutes the old man returned and called out: "Vell, I gef you \$2.10." "No; can't do it," replied the agent. "Vell, den, I don't go, so help me grashus! I have lived in Detroit three yare, und shall bay bolice tax, zewer tax, und want to grow up mit dis town, und I shall not be swindled!" He walked off again, looking back to see if the agent would not call him; and, after a stroll around he again returned to the window, threw down some money, and said: "Vell, take \$2.20, und gif me'n dickette." "My dear sir, can't you understand that we have a schedule of prices here, and that I must go by it?" replied the agent. "Vell, den, I shtays mit Detroit von dousand year!" exclaimed the stranger, madder than ever. "I bays bolice taxes, und I shall see about this by Sheaf of Bolice!" He walked off again, and as he saw the locomotive backing up to couple on the train he went back to the window and said:

"Gef me'n dickette for two dollar and thirty cents, und I rides on de platform!" "Can't do it," said the agent. "Vell, den, by golly, I spikes to you what I does. Here is dem two dollars und sixty cents, und I goes to Lansing und never comes back! No, sir, I shall never come back, or I shall come mit the blank road. I bays taxes by dem bolice, und I dem zewers, und I shall show dat I shall hav noddings more to do mit dis down!" He went on the train.

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