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## OUR WORST ENEMY.

### Gaining Ground.

History is repeating itself in the present agitation against the traffic in strong drink. So far as our manifestoes are concerned, we have made tremendous advancement in the last two or three generations. If you take the Methodist church as an example of the advancement of temperance sentiment among the great middle class of American citizenship, you cannot but be impressed with this fact. In the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in 1812, Rev. James Axley, an heroic temperance worker, introduced this resolution:

"Resolved, that no stationed or local preacher shall retail spirituous or malt liquors without for feiting his ministerial character among us."

The bare fact that there was necessity for the introduction of such a resolution is a fearful commentary on the condition of the church and the times; but it appears sadder still when we reflect that even this could not be carried in the General Conference. Five unsuccessful attempts were made to pass it. Laban Clark, who records it, says, "Axley was in earnest, but many in the Conference opposed him, making merry with his quaint speeches; and when his motion was lost he turned his face to the wall and wept." I don't blame him. In the General conference of 1816, Axley introduced the same resolution, with "malt liquors" left out, still leaving it possible for preachers to sell beer, and carried it. It was not until 1824 that the Methodist Episcopal Church began to stand on strong ground on this subject. If you turn from this to the utterances of the last General Conference in 1892 at Omaha, one cannot but mark the tremendous advance. Here is the utterance of the last Conference:

"We reiterate the language of the Episcopal Address of 1888: 'The liquor traffic is so pernicious in all its bearings, so inimical to the interest of honest trade, so repugnant to the moral sense, so injurious to the peace and order of society, so hurtful to the home, to the church, and to the body politic, and so utterly antagonistic to all that is precious in life, that the only proper attitude toward it, for Christians, is that of relentless hostility. It can never be legalized without sin.' We concur in the Episcopal Address of 1892, where it is declared; 'In our judgment the saloon is an unmixed evil, full of diabolism, a disgrace to our civilization, the chief corrupter of political action, and a continual menace to the order of society and the peace and purity of our homes.' Believing as we do that the traffic in intoxicating beverages sustains the relations of an efficient cause to the vice of intemperance, we hold that no member of the Methodist Episco-

pal church can consistently contribute by voice, vote, or influence to the perpetuation and protection of that traffic. We declare before all the world that the church of God ought to be known always and every where as the relentless and uncompromising foe of this ungodly business, and that it is the duty of every Christian to wage ceaseless warfare against."—Selected.

### Why Priests Should Marry.

You can't find a priest's residence but what he has from one to half a dozen female housekeepers, and always the majority of them are fair of face and form.

If some bright morning you would learn that your new neighbor was living with one or more females, neither of which was related to him, your indignation would know no bounds, then why should you sit idly by and allow a Catholic priest to live in open violation to every rule of moral and natural law?

Priests always try to impress their members, with the idea that they are infallible, therefore it is impossible for a priest to sin. They do this in order that they may accomplish any devilish deed that they may wish under the guise of "no sin, as I am a servant of God and cannot sin."

When the Apostle Paul was in Rome, he preached in a fringed building, and healing the afflicted, when the people saw that Paul had healed a cripple, they lifted up their voices, saying, "The gods are come down to us in the likeness of Men." When the apostles heard of this they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out and saying, "sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you." (Acts. 14. The apostles were honest enough to confess that they were men of like passions unto all men, and were subject to the same infirmities and temptations of all the human race. I will now give the statements of two ex-priests. Whose testimony has never been refuted:

Ex-Priest Hogan says: "I have seen husbands unsuspectingly entertaining the very priest who seduced their wives in the confessional, and was the parent of some of the children who sat at the table with them, each of the wives unconscious of the other's guilt, and the husband of both not even suspecting them. The husband of her who goes to the confession has no hold upon her affections. If he claims a right to her confidence he claims a right which he can never receive—he claims what she has not to give. She has long since given it to her confessor, and he can never recover it. She looks to her confessor for advice in every thing. She may appear to be fond of her husband; it is even possible that she may be in reality. She may be gentle, meek and obedient to her husband—her confessor will advise her to be so—but she will not give him her confidence. She cannot; that is already in the hands of her confessor. He stands an incarnate fiend between man and

wife, mother and daughter. All the ties of domestic happiness and reciprocal duties are thus violated with impunity, through the instrumentality of auricular confession." (Popish Nurseries, p. 132). Father Chiniquy was for twenty-five years a priest of high standing and endorsed by the leading authorities of Rome. He was lead to say, "How many times my God has spoken to me as He speaketh to all priests of Rome, and said with a thundering voice: What would that young man do could he hear the questions you put to his wife would he not blow out your brains?"

And that father, would he not pass his dagger through your if he could know what you ask from his poor trembling daughter? Would not the brother of that young girl put an end to your miserable life if he could hear the unmentionable subjects on which you speak, with her in the confessional? I was compelled by all the popes, the moral theologians and the counsels of Rome to believe that this warning voice of my merciful God was the voice of Satan. I had to believe, in spite of my own conscience and intelligence, that it was good, nay, necessary to put those polluting, damnable questions. My infallible church mercilessly to account and oblige these poor, late girls

and women to swim with me and all their priests in those waters of Sodom and Gomorrah, under the pretext that their self-will would be broken down, their fear of sin and humanity increased, and that they would be purified by our absolutions." (Fifty Years in the Church of Rome, p. 584). Lord deliver America from Romanism. The word of God says: (Heb. 13:14) "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled! There is no exception made of a priest or nun. One of the express signs of having departed from the faith was forbidding to marry." (1 Tim. 4:3.)

I cannot therefore, believe that Roman Catholicism is in accord with the word of God. When the Lord plainly tells us that: "forbidding to marry is the doctrine of devils."

Yours Walking in the Gospel Light.  
L. TOMME.

A Missouri paper contains the following notice: "Wanted, a preacher in this town by the worldly element in the churches, and can preach Christ and Him crucified on Sunday, drink red-eye with the brethren on Monday, play cards with the young folks on Tuesday, go to prayer-meeting with the good people on Wednesday, gossip with, the scandal mongers on Friday, mix up with the boys at the horserace on Saturday and preach Christ and Him crucified again on Sunday."

"View it in what light we may, the Bible is a very surpassing phenomenon. Men rest on this their dearest hopes. It tells them of God and of his blessed Son, of earthly duties and heavenly rest."—Theodore Parker, the Pantheist.

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Vote as you pray.

What has become of the Quanah Chief. It failed to reach us this week.

The professed Christian who votes for saloon men is false to his fellowman, is false to his God.

"Love your neighbor as yourself," was not said simply to quote, but to live up to.

Heaven is not away off yonder, as some suppose, but is in the heart of the man who does his duty.

Love is the silken cord run through honest hearts, that binds us all into one family, and makes us feel our kinship to man and sonship to God.

What do you think of a man that will buy whiskey for another and slip it to him after his wife has notified the Saloons not to sell to him? To say the least he is devoid of all principle.

Whatever injures your neighbor, causes pain or robs him of pleasure, is sin. Giving happiness, scattering sunshine along the pathway of life, doing good and feeling a real interest in the happiness of all men everywhere is the fulfillment of the law of God.

A minister, as they descend the main aisle away, on a recent Sunday surprised his audience by reading the following announcement from the pulpit: "The regular session of the donkey club will be held as usual at close of this service. Members will line up just outside of the church door, make remarks and stare at the ladies who pass, as is their custom. Any member known to escort a young lady to church like a man, and sit with her like a gentleman, will be promptly expelled from membership." The application was to the point, and the effect was marvelous.—Ex.

## Sunday.

Last Sunday was a beautiful day in Clarendon. There was no trace of the snow storm that visited us last week.

The morning service was given to the children and the Rally day program with a few changes was rendered to the delight of all. We all felt that it was good to be there. Everyone rendered their parts well and the singing was excellent. At the Close the pastor made a short talk and a collection was taken which amounted to \$12.67. The house was full again at night. The subject was, "The Bible," many heard for the first time a sermon on the blessed book. We were sorry that some had to turn away for want of seats.

## Hogs.

There is considerable complaint in our town on account of the hogs being allowed to run at large. It cost the taxpayers something to vote a law against hogs running at will in town and we believe it should be enforced.



## CHASE & SANBORN, Importers, Boston. What did you have for breakfast?

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"I have read the Bible morning, noon, and night, and have ever since been the happier and better man for such reading."—Edmund Burke.

"There is no book like the Bible for excellent learning, wisdom, and use."—Sir Matthew Hale, Chief-Justice of England.

"Read the Bible, read the Bible!"—The dying words of William Wilberforce.

The Bible is equally adapted to the wants and infirmities of every human being. No other book ever addressed itself so authentically and so pathetically to the judgement and conscience of mankind."—Chancellor James Kent.

"I gratefully receive and rejoice in the light of revelation, which has set me at rest in many things, the manner whereof my poor reason can by no means make out to me."—John Locke, the Philosopher.

"I have regularly and attentively read the Holy Scriptures, and am of the opinion that this volume, independently of its Divine origin, contains more true sublimity, more exquisite beauty, more pure morality, more important history, and finer strains both of poetry and eloquence, than could be collected from all other books."—Sir William Jones, the Great Oriental scholar.

"The most wonderful volume in existence is beyond doubt, the Bible."—Prof. O. M. Mitchell, L.L.D., the Astronomer and patriotic General.

"I call that, apart from all theories about it, one of the grandest things ever written with pen. A noble book! All men's book!"—Thos. Carlyle.

"Above all, the pure and benign light of Revelation has had a meliorating influence on mankind, and increased the blessings of society."—George Washington.

"I have read it through many times. I now make practice of going through it once a year. It is a book of all others for lawyers as well as divines. I pity the man who cannot find in it a rich supply of thought and rules of conduct."—Daniel Webster.

"I find more sure marks of

authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history whatever."—Sir Isaac Newton, Philosopher and Astronomer.

"Christ proved that he was the Son of the Eternal by his disregard of time. All his doctrines signify only, and the same thing, eternity."—Napoleon Bonaparte.

"I confess to you that the majesty of the scriptures strikes me with admiration, as the purity of the gospel hath its influence on my heart."—Jean Jacques Rousseau.

"I have always said, and always will say, that the studious perusal of the sacred volume make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands."—Thomas Jefferson.

"I defy you all, as many as are here, to prepare a tale so simple and so touching as the tale of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, whose influence will be the same after so many centuries."—Dennis Diderot, the French Atheist.

### The Bible.

"Wherever it has been received and obeyed, the most beneficial effects have followed.

Every nation, of every age through which it has descended to us, has been blessed by it. The brightest spots upon the globe, in every view, intellectual, social, civil, moral and religious, have ever been those where the Bible has been most honored and obeyed.

Wherever Christian missionaries have gone, the most barbarous nations have become Christianized and saved.

The ancient inhabitants of Germany, Hungary, Denmark, Sweden, Britain, and Ireland, as also those of North and South America, the East and West Indies, Greenland, South and West Africa, etc., are all illustrious monuments of the blessed effects of the Bible.

Another effect which the scriptures produce wherever they are duly respected, is resignation and peace in view of death. This is an honest hour.

While the most noted unbelievers often renounce their infidelity, and thereby show their insincerity, the Christian believer is more than ever attached to the book that reveals to him eternal

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Last Sunday was Rally day at the Methodist church. There was a nice program of recitations and songs by the children. After the exercises a collection was taken for the Texas Methodist orphanage. All present seemed to enjoy the service.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Haggard and little daughter, Annie, have returned from a visit to relatives in Alabama and northeast Texas. They report a most enjoyable time with the "old folks at home."

J. M. Clamer and wife will leave Saturday, Rev. G. S. Hardy Monday, Rev. J. R. Henson, Rev. W. B. McKeown and A. M. Beville Tuesday to attend the annual conference at Cleburne, which begins Wednesday, the 15th.

C. H. NELSON,

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CLARENDON. - - TEXAS.

life.

Another manifestation of the good effects of the Bible is the treatment it receives from immoral men.

Where do we hear the Bible contemned, and its authority spurned? It is among the ignorant and vicious.

Where does it receive unmeasured insult and scorn, but in gambling houses, tipping houses, and other vile places?

Who are they that sneer about the indelicacies of the Bible, but those whose imagination and heart are found disposed to such things?"—Binney's Theological Compend.

## Fire! Fire!

The Cold weather calls for putting up stoves. Before you put up your stoves have your flues inspected and see that they are safe. A little attention to this might save you and your neighbors' property from burning up.

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## LOCAL NEWS.

Builder's material at Anderson's  
See those durable Haviland sets at Nelson & Co's.

All kinds of second hand goods bought and sold at Hill & Decker.

Herbert Timmons, of Good-night, spent last Wednesday in town.

L. C. Beverly is away to Kansas City this week with a train load of beef cattle.

Second hand stoves at Hill & Decker's, anything from a rusty nail to a highly polished parlor stove.

Frank Park, of Amarillo, who has been away to Missouri to school has returned home and will enter Clarendon College next Monday.

Take your saddle and harness to J. K. Harvey and have them repaired. It wont cost you much and may save trouble.

Remember the memorial services at the Methodist church next Sunday night, the presiding elder will preach in the morning.

Oil paintings and all kinds of pictures framed to order at Hill & Decker's.

Several girls from various parts of the territory around here have engaged board and will enter Clarendon College at the beginning of the next quarter.

If you believe in patronizing home people, why not place your life and accident insurance with home instead of traveling agents who represent the same companies.

The aged father of Editor Lockney, of the Hall County News, died at the home of his son at Memphis Tuesday and was buried Wednesday, H. B. Martin, from here, attended.

Second-hand goods as good as new and "gooder" too at Hill & Decker's

Miss Dona Saye left last week for Carey Station, where she resumed her school last Monday.

The storm season is here. A. M. Beville writes Tornado Insurance. Leave your order for Star Bread at Anderson's

A social party was enjoyed by the boys and girls last Friday night at the residence of Mrs. Harry Lipsey.

Star Bread fresh every morning at six o'clock at Anderson's.

Dr. Nelson made a professional trip to Memphis last week. He is having lots of dental work these days. HE ADVERTISES.

Accidents do happen. If you want accident insurance see A. M. Beville.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Presbyterian church this week. It will likely be completed and ready for services by or before Dec. 1st.

We have our Dry Goods and shoes arranged so that we can show them. We give a cordial invitation to one and all to call and inspect our stock. No trouble to show goods.

Hoffer & Noland.

Capt. James T. Otey died last Friday and was buried Saturday. He was an early settler here and had been postmaster and tax assessor. He was a valiant confederate and it is said that he was the youngest captain in the confederate service.

Rev. J. W. Hall and wife and daughter, Miss Judith, left last week for Coleman county, their former home. They will return by early spring and permanently locate in Wheeler county.

Don't fail to go to the college Friday night to the entertainmen. We are sure you will enjoy it. It is entirely free.

Mrs. J. B. Bright of Blue Grove Clay county visited her son, Alf Bright and family here the past week, and went on to Miami to visit her daughter, Mrs. T. L. Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Webb of Le Fors Gray county are visiting relatives here this week and will attend the college entertainment Friday night, their sons Elmer and Claude being students there.

Charlie Thomson, who formerly lived here, but now lives at Hereford, Texas, advises friends here that he will enter Clarendon College next week, the beginning of the second quarter.

E. T. Stephens, manager of the Tule ranch, was here this week and leased the large residence of R. B. Hearn, in the south part of town, and will move his family here by the 15th. He comes for school purposes.

We have moved into our new building on the corner of First and Kearney streets and are filled up with furniture and china-ware. We have the largest stock of new and substantial furniture, in new designs, natural wood, walnut and ash, and the nicest most complete stock of china ware in Clarendon. Our new building will soon be completed, and will have one of the most roomy and nicely arranged buildings in town. Come and see us, our prices are right.

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### Notice.

I will be absent from the 14th to the 21st attending the session of the Northwest Texas conference at Cleburne. Parties having insurance or other business with me will please see my nephew, Mr. J. T. Patman, at I. E. Jones' grocery store, who will attend to all matters for me.

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### Junior League.

Leader, Claude Webb.  
Song.  
Roll Call and Minutes of last meeting, read.  
Superintendent's talk.  
Recitation, Pearl Morgan.  
Reading, John Ed Coulter.  
Song.  
Recitation, Harwood Beville.  
Reading, Ethel Henson.  
Recitation, Mattie Wilcox.  
Song.  
Close with the Lord's prayer in concert.

### Memorial Service.

On next Sunday night at the Methodist church we will close the year's work with a memorial service, short talks on those who have died this year by different ones, with a brief history of the church of this place, and a report from the pastor of the year's work, closing with the sacrament of the Lord's supper. Everyone invited to be present, especially would we urge every member to be present as this is the last service of the year.

### Winding Up.

Next Sunday is the last of this conference year. Monday morning the preachers start for conference. Many will be the changes, a great many of the preachers will be sent to new fields of labor. It is time for solemn reflection; another year gone forever. Have we all filled our stations faithfully? No regret or tears upon our part will bring back lost opportunities, but we must meet the record in the day of judgment, but we have one more opportunity, one more Sunday. If there is one dollar behind on collections or salary let's see it is paid. Happy the charge that sends the pastor to conference after a hard year's work with his collections up, his salary paid, and a new suit of clothes as a token of appreciation. While as to our own charge we feel to "thank God and take courage." While it has been a year of trial, yet God has been good to us, and no man ever served a more appreciative or liberal people. Our collections will all be paid. This charge has paid out this year nearly six thousand dollars. That we have made mistakes, is but to admit that we are human; but one thing we can say that our motives have been pure and our intentions for good, and in view of this fact we feel we can meet the record in the last day. We want to sincerely thank every one that has contributed to our happiness or in any way to our comfort this year, and pray the blessings of God upon them, and to those who have vented their spleen by lying and in every other way have tried to throw difficulties in our path and add to our already heavy burden, we commend them to God who will hold them to account at the last day.

### Music and Elocution Recital.

The first quarterly recital of Clarendon College and University Training School will be given in the college chapel by the Music and Elocution classes Friday evening Nov. 10, 1899. No admission fee. After the recital the W. H. M. Society will serve refreshments in the college dining hall, the proceeds to be used in supplying needed furniture for the college. Patrons and friends are cordially invited.

W. B. McKeown, Pres.

Keep your loose horses off the street. They are giving the merchants no small amount of trouble. If you must keep a Horse in town, keep him up.

### Subscribe for the Agitator.

We have received quite a number of subscribers this week, and we appreciate the many friends of the paper and we want to ask you to show the paper to your friends and ask them to subscribe. We believe it is the best paper for the money in the state and while its enemies are out spoken its friends are often silent. We will send sample copies to any one desiring them. Send us the name and office of those you think would become subscribers and we will send them a sample copy.

### To the Ladies:

We have moved our millinery stock to the Hill house, opposite the court house where we will be pleased to have you call and see us. Stylish dress-making a specialty. We will have in a large stock of ladies and children's walking and pattern hats the latter part of this week. Call and see them.

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**The Miner's Rebuke.**

A person who by birth, wealth, and education, should have been a gentleman, but who was not, went to see a coal mine. The miner who took him down was a Christian, and was much pained by the profane language used by the visitor. As they descended Sunday and hotter; at last the reading came so great that the ment from said: regular, ear me, it's terribly hot: I will be er how far it is to hell?" this se, on't know the exact distance, just of, replied the Christian miner, make ively, "but if one link of the ladie ain gives way, you'll be there tom, a minute!" es, This plain answer was the means of rousing the profane man to a sense of his perilous position. In the case of every unconverted man, there is only a step—a breath—betwixt him and death. "And after death the judgment."—Selected.

**Idleness.**

One of the greatest misfortunes that can befall a young man is an inheritance of idleness, the ability to live without effort; a parasite, which, though not actually living off of the substance of others, cumbars the earth, which was created as a field of human effort, and breaths an air to which he can show no clear title. If success in life is measured by what one does, the idler who is enabled to exist without the necessity for effort is a failure. Adversity, the stern necessity for effort, is the schooling that trains the hand and stimulates the brain. Too many of our young men will not work because they do not have to. They prefer to live on that which a fond but foolish father may have gathered together by a lifetime of toil. They are as weeds in the grain field absorbing the nutriment of the soil, the ozone of the air, which should nourish and ripen the golden grain. We often hear such remarks as: "Lucky boy; he has a fortune left him." In nine cases in ten he is an unfortunate boy. The one in ten may have inherited his

father's thrift, and may add to the fortune of his father another of his own acquisition; but this is usually the result of an avarice that regards neither the rights of man nor the laws of God. Unselfishness does not consist in that which a man hath, but in that which he doeth. The ever-increasing army of tramps, thieves and vagabonds receives its recruits from the ranks of idleness, dissipation and poverty. A reasonable amount of work trains the brain to think and the muscles to act in harmony, and it is well for any young man that he be not permitted to use his own discretion, but that necessity spur him to honest effort.—Farm and Ranch.

**The Most Expensive Thing.**

Sin is the most expensive thing possible. It wastes money. It wears the body into decay. But, bad as these things are, there are even worse behind; for it blights the intellect and withers the moral nature of the man. It weakens the will; it blunts the conscience; it hardens the heart. It dries up all the finer feelings of the soul, so that ultimately all regard for truth and holiness and purity is gone. But worse yet. Sin is an enslaving thing. It becomes the master of the man who indulges in it, and sets him to do the hardest drudgery. It hires him out, as it were, to feed the swine, leaving them to feed along with them. That which was at first a joy becomes in the end a bondage. That which was at first a pleasant companion becomes at length a cruel task-master, compels him to make bricks without straw, and sometimes even without clay.—Selected.

**Religious.**

There is religion in everything around us—a calm and holy religion in the unbreathing things of nature which man would do well to imitate. It is a meek and blessed influence, stealing in, as it were, unawares upon the heart; it comes quietly and without excitement; it has no terror, no gloom in its approaches; it does not rouse up the passions; it is untrammelled by the creeds, and unshadowed by the superstitions of man; it is fresh from the hands of its Author, glowing from the immediate presence of the great Spirit which pervades and quickens it; it is written on the arched sky; it looks out from every star; it is on the sailing cloud and in the invisible wind; it is among the hills and valleys of the earth, where the shrubless mountain-top pierces the thin atmosphere of eternal winter, or where the mighty forest fluctuates, before the strong wind, with its dark waves of green foliage; it is spread out like a legible language, upon the broad face of the unsleeping ocean; it is the poetry of nature; it is this which uplifts the spirit within us, until it is strong enough to overlook the shadows of our place of probation—which breaks link after link, the chains that bind us to materiality, and which opens to our imagination a world of spiritual beauty and holiness.—Ruskin.

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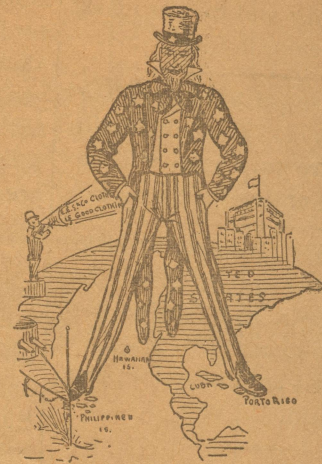
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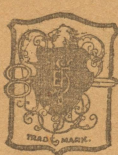
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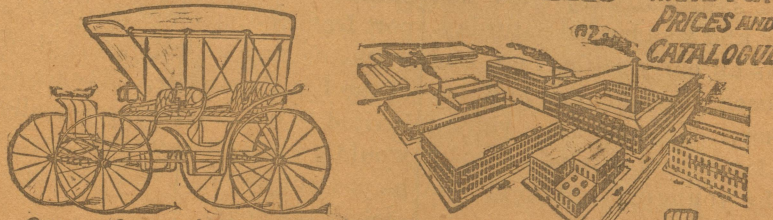
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