A Prohibition of Drink Shops.

Sometimes I have been asked, "Is the removal of the drink traffic a counsel States and their governments, State of perfection, the impossible dream of and Federal, are in danger of being the hopeful temperance reformer?" Can plunged into violent conflicts, not of a whole community be found voluntarily, and through a course of years, to have no interest other than the mainfree itself from the main cause of de- tenance of the public peace.

or suppose, I know that it has been of mobs. It is confronted by the higher done. And by the healthful develop- duty of preventing mobs, of depriving ment of the moral seuse of communities | mobs of all decent excuse of existence, it can sooner or later be done every

In the Southern part of the State of phia stands the town of Millville, coneducated man in the town. A genera- land. tion ago it was specially noted for its intemperance. It is now fifty years ations offending against the public, since the owners of the glass-bottle fac- which created and protects them, should tories, which formed the principal industry of the place, declined any longer to manufacture bottles for the dealers in alcoholic liquors. It was an an act new class of corporations in the interest of conscience, and seemed like ruin to of labor might be invited and encourcut off a line of trade which mostly aged in American States. Suppose, for formed two-thirds of the out-put of such a business, but in spite of this, sociation," or, to present a smaller subthe manufacture in other lines was de- division, the iron and steel works of veloped, un'il its glass production in hollow glassware now exceeds, proba- pose of furnishing labor. This corporably that of any other factory in the tion contracts with Mr. Frick for a given

reminded of the question of the use of Mr. Frick does not. It collects wages intoxicants and a quiet influence bore continually upon the workmen.

It was the elected city council which controlled the question of licenses. In the decisive year elections gave a majority of one in favor of the sale of liquor The deciding vote against prohibition was that of a butcher, and the wives of the astisans let him know that if by the aid of his vote, the tavern licenses were removed, they would buy meat elsewhere. He absented himself it will collect damages or pay them; it from the city council, and that year for the first time, no applications for license were granted.

The three tavern keepers now 'struck' and tried to force licenses by declining to entertain travellers. In this new emergency, a lady, who had the principal house in the place, temporarily re ceived all travellers. The reformers triumphed. Two of the taverns became tempe ance boarding houses and the third receeived visitors to the place. For many years the battle was a close one, not without risk of defeat.

But the increase in the prosperity of the town, the wellfare of individual families, but most of all the improved character of the young men, which was so evident that the prohibition vote grew stronger year by year, until finally the question was no longer contested. This result was mainly owing to the wise and unfaltering effortss of the local branch of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union Now for the results of fifteen years of

this "home protection." Instead of three taverns and twenty saloons poisoning the moral and physical life of the community, a thriving mechanic's institute, costing \$4,000 was built, where a readin room, musical and debating societies and lectures occupy the evenings of the young. Three music shops are establi hed with an annual sale of several thousand dollars of cottage organs and musical instruments, and it is literally true that young men have grown up, never having seen or tasted alcoholic liquors. On the occasion of a scientific lecture there could not be found in all the town, enough alcohol to furnish the material for the experiments. When we consider that nine tenths, if not ninety-nine hundredths, of vice is connected with indulgence in intoxicants, we can estimate what all this "home protection" means to the families of such a community.

When the writer last visited the town, he found that \$19,000 had been spent by the artisans during the past year in providing freehold houses. Two policeman are found amply sufficient to watch over a town of 10,000 inhabi

What has been done in Millville and many other American communities can ultimately be done in every town in great Britain. It is a question of throwing the balance of public opinion on the right side; where the moral effort of the better portion of a community brings the right end of the scale beam below the level, it ought always to gravitate until a permanent deliverance from the measureless evils of alcoholism is accomplished."

R. V. S. in "Sunday Magazine."

Ptomaine Poisons.

Chicago Inter-Ocean. What are known as ptomaine poison are a recent discovery of chemical analysis. It has been known for a long time that spoiled fish, oysters, sausages and such things are very dangerous substances, on account of their poisoning qualities. The first chemist to analyze and classify one of these animal poisous was Marquardt. This was in 1865, and since then much attention has been called to these poisons. They have become of especial interest, because in some instances where death was supposed tobe caused by murder, it turned out on investigation to be the result of ptomaine poison. Scientific investigations, especially those in Italy and Germany, have busied themselves for several years in extracting these poisonous materials, to which they gave the word ptomaine from the Greek word ptoma, meaning a corpse. This class of poisons can hardly be said to form a distinct group of substances from the chemical point of view, since some of them greatly resemble other classes of poisons, especially those that are known as vegetable alkaloids, and it may be noted that several poisonous elements have been found to be generated in decaying vegetable matter, though these are not so deadly in their effect as those which arise from putrifying animal substance when it is hermetically sealed from contact with the air: for instance in canned lobsters, oysters and such things. They are destroyed, generally speaking, by cook-,ng, but there are instances on record where even this process has failed to deprive them of their dangerous character. It may be said, finally, that these substances are very imperfectly under stood, very dangerous, and that they cannot be too carefully guarded against.

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A Remedy for Labor Troubles.

Hon. Chauncey F. Black, in the September

The Homestead situation is liable to be reproduced at any other place in the country where multitudes of men are assembled in the conduct of large enterprises. The people of the United their own making, and in which they

The duty of the State in the large My answer is: I do not merely think sense is not limited to the suppression and of removing the grievances which in labor controversies are alleged as their occasion. Whether these grievan-New Jersey, forty miles from Philadel- ces exist or not must be submitted to some other arbitrament than that of taining a population of ten thousand, clubs and guns, hot water, electric batalmost wholly of working men and their teries, and dynamite, in the very near families. I know of only one college- future, if peace is to be kept in the

Overgrown and transgressing corporbe driven back within the strictest limits of their characters or their charters forfeited, and at the same time a instance, that the "Amalgamated As-Homestead, incorporated for the puramount of work of a given character. The operatives were thus continually The corporation deals with the men; and in turn pays dividends. It employs and dismisses, or admits to its membership and expels It hears and redresses grievances. Its existence manifestly renders such outbreaks as the one under consideration almost an impossibility, since the men manage their own corporation and their own business in their own way. It is a counterpart of the capitalist corporation which confronts it. It will sue and be sued; will prosper or not, as other corporations

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Congress has appropriated two and a alf millions of dollars to help the World's Fair, to consist of memorial half dollars, or "Columbian half dollars." The designs of the coin have been selected. The reverse will show the main building of the exposition, and the obverse the head of Columbus. The plaster cast of Columbus was made by A. S. J. Dunbar, sculptor, of Washington, from a potrait which is recognized by experts as being as nearly authentic as any that exists, and is believed to have been painted for Domenico Malipiero, a Venetian senator and historian, in 1501. This portrait, with a well-traced history approving its antiquity, was recently purchased by the United States Consul General at Frankfort, Germany, for Mr. James V. Ellsworth, of Chicago. The work of coining the souvenir "Columbian half dollars" will occupy a month or six weeks.

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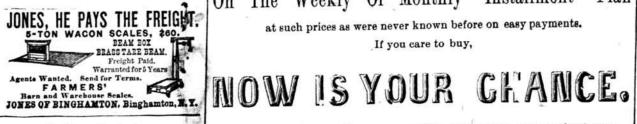
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