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more than a state of the same ever gets so far on the wrong road over Gradually his health will fail through late hours and through too much stimulus. He will be first rate prey for erysipelas and rheumatism of the heart. The doctor, coming in, will at a glanco see it is not only present disease he must fight, but years of fast living. The elergyman, for the sake of the feelings of the family, on the funeral day will only talk in religious generalities. Then men who got his yacht in the eternal rapids will not be at the obsequies. They will have pressing engagements that day. They will send flowers to the coffin lid and send their wives to utter words of sympathy, but they will have engagements elsewhere. They never come. Bring me mallet and chisel and I will cut on the tombstone that man's epitaph, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." "No," you say, "that would not be appropriate." "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." "No," you say, "that would not be appropriate." Then give me the mallet and the chisel and I will cut an honest epitaph, "Here lies the victim of a dissipating clubhouse."

I think that damage is often done by the scions of some aristocratic family who belong to one of these dissipating clubhouses. People coming up from humbler classes feel it an honor to belong to the same club, forgetting the fact that many of the sons and grandsons of the large commercial establishments of the last generation are now, as to mind, imbecile; as to body, diseased; as to morals, rotten. They would have got through their property long ago if they had had full posses sion of it, but the wily ancestors, who earned the money by hard knocks, foresaw how it was to be, and they tied up everything in the will. Now, there is nothing of that unworthy descendant but his grandfather's name and roast beef rotundity. And yet how many steamers there are which feel honored to lash fast that worm eaten tug, though it drags them straight into the breakers. Another test by which you can find whether your club is legitimate or illegiti-

mate-the effect it has on your secular oc cupation. I can understand how through such an institution a man can reach commercial successes. I know some men have formed their best business relations through such a channel. If the club has advantaged you in an honorable calling, it is a legitimate club. But has your credit failed? Are bargain makers more cautious how they trust you with a bill of goods? Have the men whose names were down in the commercial agency A1 before they entered the club been going down over since in commercial standing? Then look out! You and I every day know of commercial establishments going to ruin through the social excesses of one or two members, their fortunes beaten to death with ball players' bat, or cut amidships by the front prow of the regatta, or going down under the swift hoofs of the fast horses, or drowned in large potations of cognac and monongahela. Their clubhouse was the "Loch Earn." Their business house was the "Ville du Havre." They struck, and the "Ville du Havre went under.

A third test by which you may know whether the club to which you belong, or the club to whose membership membe A Test of Merit. the club to whose membership you are invited, is a legitimate club or an illegitimate club is this: What is its effect on your sense of moral and religious obligation? Now, if I should take the names of all the people in any audience and put them on a roll and then I should lay that roll back of the organ and 100 years from now some one should take that roll and call it from A to Z, there would not one of you answer. I say that any association that makes me forget that fact is a bad association. Now to many of the cities there are two routes, and you can take the Pennsylvania railroad or the Baltimore and Ohio; but suppose that I hear that on one route the track is torn up, and the bridges are torn down, and the switches are unlocked? It will not take me a great while to decide which road to take. Now, here are two roads into the future, the Christian and the un-Christian, the safe and the unsafe. An institution or any association that confuses my idea in regard to that fact is a bad institution and a bad association. I had prayers before I joined the club. Did I have them after? I attended the house of God before I connected myself with the club. Since that union with the club do I absent myself from religious influences? Which would you rather have in your hand when you come to die, a pack of cards or a Bible? Which would you rather have pressed to your lips in the closing moment, the cup of Belshazzarean wassail or the chalice of Christian communion? Who would you rather have for your pallbearers, the elders of a Christian church or the companions whose conversation was full of slang and innuendo? Who would you rather have for your eternal companions, those men who spend their evenings betting, gambling, swearing, carousing and telling vile stories or your little child, that bright girl whom the Lord took? Oh, you would not have been away so much nights, would you, if you had known she was going away se soon? Dear me, your house has never been the same place since. Your wife has never brightened up. She has not got over it; she never will get over it. How long the evenings are, with no one to put to bed and no one to tell the beautiful Bible story! What a pity it is that you cannot spend more evenings at home in trying to help her bear that sorrow! You can never drown that grief in the wine cup. You can never break away from the little arms that used to be flung around your neck when she used to say, "Papa, do stay home tonight -do stay home tonight." You will never be able to wipe away from your lips the dying kiss of your little girl. The fascination of a dissipating clubhouse is so great that sometimes a man has turned his back on his home when his child was dying of scarlet fever. He went away. Before he get back at midnight the eyes had been closed, the undertaker had done his work, and the wife, worn out with three weeks' watching, lay unconscious in the next room. Then there is a rattling of the night key in the door, and the returned father comes up stairs and

sees the empty cradle and the window up. He says, "What is the matter?" In God's judgment day he will find out what was the matter. Oh, man astray, God help The influence which some of the clubhouses are exerting is the more to be deplored because it takes down the very best men. The admission fee sifts out the penurious and leaves only the best fellows. They are frank, they are generous, they are whole souled, they are talented. Oh, I begrudge the devil such a prize! After awhile the frank look will go out of the face and the features will be haggard, and when talking to you, instead of looking you in the eye, they will look down, and every morning the mother will kindly ask, 'My son, what kept you out so late last night?" and he will make no answer, or he will say, "That's my business." Then some time he will come to the store or the bank cross and befogged, and he will neglect some duty, and after awhile he will lose his place, and then with nothing to do he will come down at 10 o'clock in the morning to curse the servant because the breakfast is cold. The lad who was a clerk ladder have got to the top of the ladder, but here goes the victim of the dissipating clubhouse, with staggering step and bloed

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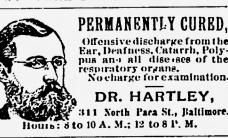
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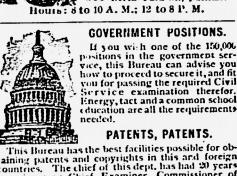
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The revolving Drummond light in front of a hotel, in front of a locomotive, may flash this way and flash that upon the mountains, upon the ravines, upon the city, but I take the lamp of God's eternal truth, and I flash it upon all the clubhouses of these cities, so that no young man shall be deceived. By these tests try them, try them! Oh, leave the dissipat ing influences of the clubroom, if the in fluences of your clubroom are dissipating! Paid your money, have you? Better sacrifice that than your soul. Good fellows are they? Under that process they will not remain such. Mollusca may be found 200 fathoms down beneath the Norwegian seas; Siberian stag get fat on the stinted growth of Altaian peaks; hedysarium grow amid the desolation of Sahara; tufts of osier and birch grow on the hot lips o volcanic Sneehattan, but a pure heart and an honest life thrive in a dissipating club house—never!

The way to conquer a wild beast is to keep your eye on him, but the way for you to conquer your temptations, my friend is to turn your back on them and fly for Oh, my heart ache! I see men strug

gling against evil habits, and they want help. I have knelt beside them, and I have heard them cry for help, and then we have risen, and he has put one hand on my right shoulder and the other hand on my left shoulder and looked into my face with an infinity of earnestness which the judgment day will have no power to make me forget, as he has cried out with his lips scorched in ruin, "God help me!" For such there is no help except in the Lord God Almighty. I am going to make a very stout rope. You know that sometimes a ropemaker will take very smal threads and wind them together until after awhile they become ship cable. And I an going to take some very small, delicate threads and wind them together unti they make a very stout rope. I will take all the memories of the marriage day. thread of laughter, a thread of light. thead of music, a thread of banqueting, thread of congratulation, and I twist then together and I have one strand. Then take a thread of the hour of the first ad vent in your house, a thread of the dark ness that preceded, and a thread of the light that followed, and a thread of th beautiful scarf that little child used to wear when she bounded out at eventide to greet you, and then a thread of the beau tiful dress in which you laid her away fo the resurrection. And then I twist all HERASEQUORES OF THE B strand. Then I take a thread of the scarlet robe of a suffering Christ, and a thread of the white raiment of your loved ones before the throne, and a string of the barr

cherubic, and a string of the barp seraphic and I twist them all together, and I have world!" No. I will take these strands and I will twist them together, and one end of that rope I will fasten, not to the communion table, for it shall be removed. not to the pillar of the organ, for that will crumble in the ages, but I wind it round and round the cross of a sympathizing Christ, and having fastened one end of the rope to the cross I throw the other end to you. Lay hold of it! Pull for your life! 

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changed. The most interesting discoveries were န်-ထထသလ<sup>3</sup> made with regard to the strength of wooden beams. Previous to these tests the strength of beams had been figured by testing small pieces of the same kind of wood and then calculating the strength of the beam from the strength shown by these small sections. In making these calcula-582345 tions the small pieces which were tested were taken perfectly clear and free of knots, and allowance was made for the weakening of the beams by the imperfec-ဗုံဘဘတဘဘီ tions in them. As a result of the tests made at the institute on entire beams it 두호부분성 중대중독등중점점을 구성증요 하나요: | 18 was shown that this allowance was not nearly large enough and that for some Daily. †Daily except Sunday. s Stops on signal or notice to conductor time beams had been figured on to carry

loads which would bring them dangerously near their breaking point. The most imposing figure in the testing plant at present is the big machine which is used for crushing and tensile tests. The machine is an Emery patent, and is on just the same principle as the one at the Watertown arsenal, although it is not so powerful, the latter being the biggest in he world. The institute's machine has a strength of only 300,000 pounds, but this is enough for any tests which are made here, and, in fact, for the large majority of the tests which are made at the arsenal. This machine will crush a great iron column together endwise in its powerful grasp or will pull it apart as a confectioner

pulls molasses candy. More spectacular than such tests as these are those made on wood beams, when the great timbers, after resisting to their utmost, bend upward and then break with a remendous, rending crash. The most dangerous tests are those made on blocks of stone, granite especially. A block of granite will resist almost to its breaking point without giving any sign, and when it goes it goes with a report like a small cannon and is reduced almost to powder. The small fragments fly with tremendous velocity, and it is necessary in making a test of this kind to cover the object with thick layers of cloth to prevent the wounding of the students. Over in the corner of the basement is the tortion machine, one of the most interesting in the whole plant. It is powerful enough to twist a three inch bar of the finest wrought steel an unlimited number of times. It is surprising the extent to which a bar of good material will twist before breaking. There are at the institute some bars of Norway iron which have been twisted round and round 20 times in a length of six feet, and the pitch is as even

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