

POVERTY IS A SOCIAL CRIME

YOU can cure consumption with good food, fresh air and sunlight—POVERTY stands in the way.

You can cure drunkenness with education, good pay, cheerful surroundings, freedom from anxiety—POVERTY stands in the way.

You can put an end to crime with proper care of mothers, proper feeding of children, proper playgrounds, decent living conditions—POVERTY stands in the way.

The little boy sits on the door step of a tenement, coughing, painfully drawing his breath, his weak, white hands folded in his lap, his thin, poor feet resting on the hot pavement. He is in the second stage of consumption.

The physician passing knows he COULD be cured, but poverty stands in the way.

He needs the sunlight, green grass, trees and the running water. They are not far away, but poverty separates the child from them, ABSOLUTELY.

The child soon to die needs good food, plenty of sleep in fresh air and cheerful surroundings. There is plenty of good food, plenty of fresh air in the world, but poverty stands between them and the sick child.

He and tens of thousands like him, in one single great city, are doomed to the sufferings of consumption and to premature death, because poverty stands between them and the cure that is absolute and certain.

Every man in his day's journey passes such a child—or knows where many such may be found.

But each passes by, comforting himself with the thought that he gives so much to this charity or that, or saying to himself that it would make no difference if he saved that ONE particular child, or twenty—the result in the long run would be the same.

The world is accustomed and hardened to suffering and poverty, and the general feeling is, "There is no use in trying, conditions cannot be altered, and anyhow, I am not responsible." It is the old cry of Cain when asked about the brother whom he had killed, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

It is the cold logic of the Greek philosophers that said civilization without slavery was impossible.

It is the reasoning indifference of those that saw the galley slaves chained to their oars and sinking with the galley, and those that saw the witnesses tortured with the rack and thumbscrew and saw innocent men and women burned in the name of God.

Then as now the cry was, "What's the use, what can I do?" Fortunately our civilization, like the individuals in it, has periods in which conscience comes to life and protest is heard.

We DO establish camps, and playgrounds, stations for distributing food, where children can be saved for a useful life.

We HAVE abolished the slavery of the human body, that the philosophers said must endure always. And we have substituted for the human slaves that rowed in the galleys, slaves without nerves, slaves of iron in our steamships, slaves with steel fingers in our mills.

To our mechanical slaves of iron and brass, run by steam and electricity, we still tie down human beings that are wage slaves. Conscience some day will free them, as conscience has freed slaves in the galleys.

Conscience and human intelligence will some day free from disease, suffering and poverty the child in this picture and the millions of others doomed as he is doomed.

This earth can produce ten thousand times as much as is needed by those upon it. We already possess the power to PRODUCE enough, we lack only the conscience to DISTRIBUTE the needed wealth and drive out the poverty that is the foster mother of disease, drunkenness, crime, ignorance and superstition.

Rome had one great enemy, and in the Roman Senate Cato every day declared "Carthage must be destroyed." And Carthage at length was destroyed, burned, and the site ploughed up and sprinkled with salt.

The cry of civilization, never ceasing, should be, "POVERTY must be destroyed." Poverty is not to be destroyed by charity—which is a makeshift and an aggravation—but by intelligence and conscience, by diverting the power of the ablest men from selfish ACCUMULATION to generous DISTRIBUTION.

Poverty can be destroyed and it is even now gradually being destroyed by public education, public thinking, industrial co-operation and organization.

Great changes come suddenly—as the men of the French revolution and of every other revolution have proved. The change from dark night to the blaze of day is swift.

Already men as individuals begin to realize their responsibilities. And where they once left their money after death to save their own souls and bribe the Divinity into selling them paradise, they now spend their money, while they live, for the education and the health of their brothers, and trust to Divinity to do the fair thing later without any cash inducement.

Only the ignorant man today imagines that he can buy immunity or happiness hereafter. The powerful and intelligent man knows that his money can buy only ON THIS EARTH and he begins to spend it for the benefit of others ON this earth.

Eventually, poverty will be destroyed, and with it drunkenness, idleness, ignorance, superstition, hatred and war will disappear—civilization WILL BEGIN, and men will wonder how they ever endured and tolerated the horrible conditions of this day.

Poverty must be destroyed.—Arthur Brisbane.

FAMOUS FIGHTER FOR FRESH EGGS DISCUSS THE WORLD'S HEALTH

In the October Woman's Home Companion appears a sketch of N. E. Chapman of Minnesota Agricultural College, who is doing an interesting work along the line of showing farmers and dealers how they can put better eggs on the market. An extract follows:

"No hen ever laid a bad egg. Nothing is more pure and innocent than a new-laid egg. But if ten days elapse before the farmer collects that egg and takes it to the local storekeeper and if the storekeeper holds it a week or so before shipping and if the egg carries another week or more on hot railway platforms and cars in a leisurely transit before it reaches the city commission man who sells it to the corner grocer, is it really the grocer's fault if that egg does not appeal to the Ultimate Consumer as being quite as 'strictly fresh laid' as the placard proclaims it to be? The annual egg production of the United States is estimated to be worth four hundred million dollars, and of that total two eggs in every dozen, worth over sixty-six million dollars in all, go into the garbage can as unspeakable. Is it any wonder that the United States government is co-operating with the farmers to save those two expensive eggs? The most elaborate campaign for the conservation of the egg is that conducted in the State of Minnesota by N. E. Chapman of the Agricultural College of the State University. His mission is to encourage the egg to get to market while it is fresh. He preaches the doctrine of fresh eggs to railroads, dealers, teachers, farmers and country children. He traces each bad egg to the source of its badness and delivers an earnest lecture to the responsible party. Mr. Chapman glorifies the hen. He tells her story on an average of about four times a day the year round. His best audiences are the children to whom the rosy gentleman in gold-bowed spectacles is known as 'Uncle Norton.' Last fall he ran a poultry class three days and nights in a country school."

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