

The Ghost of John Barleycorn

By Spencer Akers

John Barleycorn, who once was slain, Has come again, a ghost, to reign. His ghost, though witnessed most at night, Is often seen in broad day-light. As yet of course, he's somewhat shy. Not knowing whether you or I Have sought him as an allied friend. With cheering words and to defend. With blade and pistol, tooth and claw, Against the sure death dealing law. Or whether he have come as spy, With listening ears and prying eyes, And ready at the sight of rum, To knock him into kingdom come. So that is why he's like a fox; He had so many painful knocks. We all remember, friend and foe, While here in person years ago, So now he cowers and declares, He'll not be taken unawares. Even though his enemies they boast, They've set a trap to catch his ghost. The robes of this late ghostly elf, Would make one think it's John himself. He's very clever to disguise, While trying to materialize, His friends are seeking through a pact, To change the present Volstead act. And place him back upon the throne. This modern ghostly fiend of crime, Is trailed by odors of his lime. He opens wide his mouth and spews, This poison nauseating booze. He has his stills in mountain caves, And mans them with his hosts of

slaves. Or in the cellar, dark and damp, You'll find him there the dirty swamp. In labeled bottles by the score, Just like we saw in days of yore. And should you venture very near it, And gain the friendship of this spirit, You'll thus observe this modern fake. Is dressed in clothes that often make. His outward semblance to appear, Like some well known old brand of beer. And thus you swear between your groans, This moonshine ghost we now behold. Has murdered thousands yet untold. And thousands yet are wrecked in mind. But left to duplicate their kind, And still his bony clammy hand, Is beckoning you to join his band. This noted ghost of moonshine

same, Received his all prevailing name, Because the moon and silent night, He much prefers to broad daylight. The more his ribs we club and poke, The more he takes it as a joke. Till seems this ghostly state of his, Regardless of what his station is, Successfully, with gaining vim, Recruiting more to strengthen him. And those who love to shake his paw, Ignore with pride, the nations law. By introducing at their will, The poison product of the still, To those who otherwise would be, Most useful to society. That's why the nation's all astir, To capture this unweildy cur, And chain him, hand and foot and all. Securely tight against the wall, So lets be patient and perhaps, Some day he'll step into our traps,

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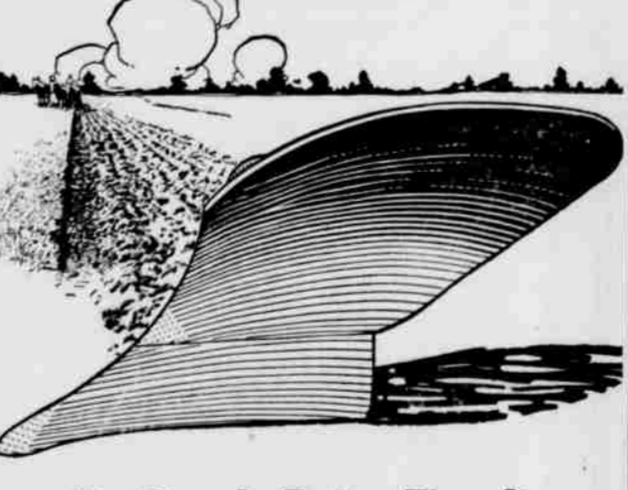
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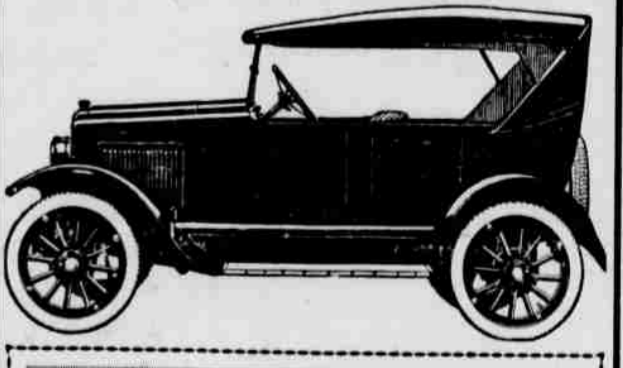


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