

# MASTER WORKMAN SMOKING TOBACCO

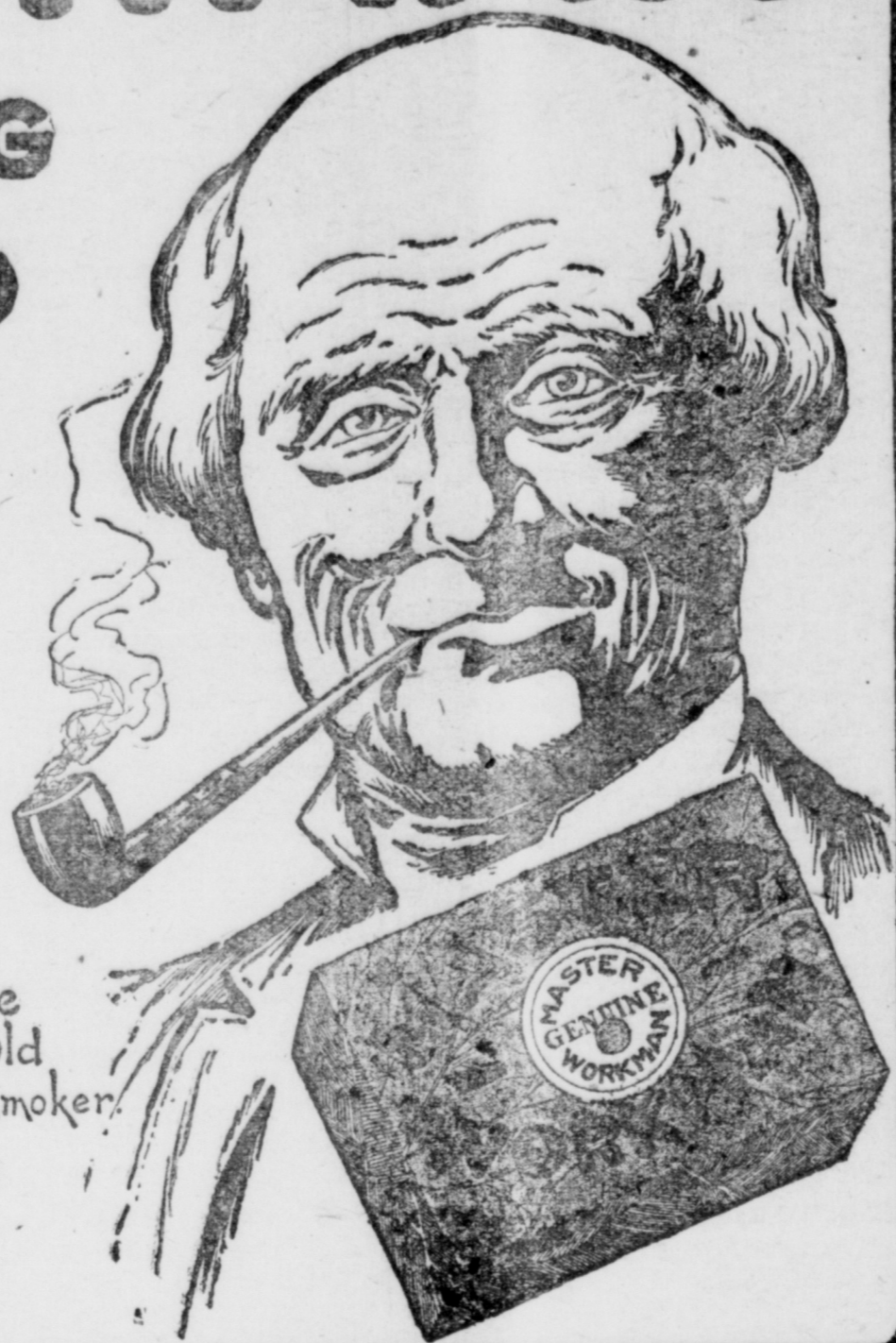
Words of Wisdom from the old smoker:

After many years experience, I vote for

"Master Workman"

Smoking Tobacco

This world-famous Brand can now be obtained for 15c. a cut at all the best Stores.



The Old Smoker.

## THE HOLOCAUST AT BINGHAMTON

Binghamton, N. Y., July 23. At daybreak to-day a big force of city employees began to search for the dead entombed beneath the smouldering ruins of the overall factory of the Binghamton Clothing Company at Nos. 37 and 18 Wall street. Not until the tangled mass of brick and steel has been removed will the full extent of yesterday's holocaust be known. A conservative estimate places the number of dead at more than fifty.

About 125 employees, mostly women and girls, were trapped in the burning walls. Of these, forty are known to have escaped. Sixteen charred bodies, unidentified, were recovered last night. The known dead are:

Nellie Connor, forewoman, Sidney Dimmick, a machinist, Mary Cregan, Miss Fulmer, Louis Hartwell, Mrs. Alvin White, Mary Pryor.

The missing include:

Mrs. Thomas Doran, John Schermerhorn (engineer), Miss Button, Margaret Diamond, Ida Golden, Nellie Gleason, Louise Hartmann, Verna Hamlin, Lena Kennedy, Bessie Ray, Louise Shelp, Catherine Sullivan.

The list of 184 employees of the company who were on the payroll Saturday, some of whom were on vacation, is in the safe under the ruins, making the task of compiling a list of the dead a difficult one.

The loss by fire and water to the buildings and stock of five concerns is estimated at more than \$200,000, largely covered by insurance.

The post office, built about twenty years ago, was badly damaged, but the mails were saved. A temporary office has been established in a nearby garage.

The loss of the Binghamton Clothing Company, of which Reed B. Freeman is president, is estimated at about \$40,000. This does not include the building, valued at \$50,000, which was owned by Z. Bennett Phelps and which was insured for \$18,000. The Clothing Company's loss is covered by insurance. Other losses were sustained by Simon O'Neil, the McKallor Drug Company, and the Link Piano Company, occupants of adjacent buildings.

The heavy loss of life is believed to have been largely due to the fact that the employees believing that one of the frequent fire drills was being held, were slow in fleeing from the building. Even when it became known that the building was on fire, many returned to the dressing rooms on the upper floor for clothing and valuables.

The flames spread with lightning-like rapidity, and the intensity of the heat prevented the firemen from getting within fighting range of the building until rescue was impossible.

Women and girls, too weak to go farther, dropped exhausted on the single fire-escape in the rear of the building, and were roasted to death, portions of bodies dropping to the streets. Others jumped and were killed. Half a dozen of the panic-stricken girls rushed into the elevator which was standing on the fourth floor; a moment later all dropped to their death.

Inscribed on the honor roll are the names of Nellie Connor and Sidney Dimmick, who stood at their post until the last, watching the line that went hurriedly past them. Their turn came, but it was too late.

Only the efficient work of the Binghamton fire department prevented the spread of the flames to business blocks lining Water street between Court and Ferry streets. In the building

occupied by the McKallor Drug Company was a large amount of highly explosive chemicals. Iron doors and shutters prevented the fire from reaching this building.

Volunteer firemen employed in the shops along the line of the Erie Railroad, who came to the city yesterday afternoon for their annual tournament to-day, aided the local firemen. In holiday clothes, they assisted in running lines of hose to tops of buildings that were threatened. A band concert scheduled for last night was abandoned, and to-day's tournament may not take place.

Reed B. Freeman, president of the Binghamton Clothing Company, estimates there were between 120 and 125 employees in the building when the fire started. He said eight per cent of the girls employed were Americans.

"It's not the money loss, nor the business that overcomes me," he said, "but it is the thought of those girls, some of whom have been with us for years, being trapped as they were, and perishing in the flames."

"They perished because they believed the alarm, sounded after the fire broke out, was for a fire drill, several of which had been held recently. They disliked these drills. It forced them to appear in the streets in their rough working clothes. Many of them were proud-spirited girls and did not like this. The drills were a bother. So when the alarm sounded, most of them took their time—some to don their coats, others to get their purse and other belongings."

"But for this fact nearly all the employees could have been saved. In the last fire drill we had the entire building emptied in 20 seconds. This would have been ample time."

According to the officials of the Binghamton Clothing Company, all the fire laws had been observed; fire drills had been held at regular intervals, and the regulation that all lint be swept from the floors at least once a day had been heeded. It was the theory of President Freeman that a lighted cigarette thrown into a heap of rubbish, shortly after the lunch hour, was the cause of the disaster.

Fire Chief Hogg, as he left the ruins early this morning to get a few hours' sleep, declared that in his opinion, the fire-escape was adequate; they simply withered from the heat when they got to it.

The building was a four-story brick structure, forty-four feet wide by 130 feet long, and was built eighteen years ago as a cigar factory. Besides the fire-escape at the rear, there were two stairways from the top floor, one to Centre street at the rear, and the other to Wall street at the front. The interior

of the building was of wood.

The offices and stock room were located on the first floor but most of the operatives were working on the third and fourth floors.

The fire started in the centre of the first floor, near the stairway. The doors and windows were open at the time, and the flue-like construction of the building created a draft which contributed to the rapid spread of the flames.

A fund for the survivors has been started.

The exact number of persons who perished in the fire in the overall factory of the Binghamton Clothing Co., yesterday may never be known. The list of employees in the company's safe in the ruins, only half a dozen bodies recovered have been identified, and many of the missing are unaccounted for. A rough estimate to-day places the number of those in the building at the time the fire started at 111. Of these, six dead have been identified; fifteen bodies, charred beyond recognition, are at the morgue; seven injured are in the hospitals; eleven have been reported by relatives as missing, forty six several of whom were more or less injured, are known to have been saved, and twenty-six are unaccounted for.

City officials estimate the death toll to be at least 50, but admit it may reach 60 or more. Physicians expressed the belief that the bodies of several of those lost are in the center of the ruins.

### Rice Starch for Fine Garments.

Rice starch will be found an excellent stiffener for lingerie garments, and is made in this way: Wash one cupful of rice to remove all dust; put it into one quart of water and boil slowly, stirring often at first, or shake the vessel for the same effect. Keep up the quantity of water by adding as it evaporates, and cook until the rice is a pulp. Then remove from the fire, add one quart of boiling water and strain through a white flannel bag with out pressing, leaving it to drip. If the starch that drips through is too thick, dilute with cold water and use the starch warm.

### Treatment for Floors.

"When we built a summer bungalow," says a correspondent of the Ladies World, "an old French Canadian carpenter who was working for us suggested a backwoods treatment for the floors, which has proved very satisfactory. Into half a gallon of boiled linseed oil I put a gill of soft tar. When stirred it looked like thin bitumen. I put it on myself with a large flat brush and used it generously. It was allowed to dry over night, then rubbed in with a wax mop. The floors have a beautiful clean surface, which is pleasant to the eye as well as easy to keep clean."

### PROTECT THE BIRDS.

A law has been passed by congress protecting migratory birds. The farmers of the nation are more directly interested in the enforcement of this law than anyone else. The automatic, the pumpgun, and the breech loader in the hands of sportsmen, and brutal idiots are a greater menace to the crops of the country than anyone insect or fungous pest that can be named. The law of nature makes it the work of the birds to keep down the devastating insects. Let us hope that we shall soon see the fear of the law in the hearts of the "sandpiper sports" of the nation, who go out and kill little birds for fun. They are far more harmful than they would be if they went out and mowed off the heads of grain, or knocked off the green fruit. If some farmer boys have to go to jail with the rest, so be it—just so the jails get their due.

—Herbert Quick in Farm Magazine.

### Science And The Milkman.

Housekeeper: "What makes you so late with the milk these morning?"

Milkman: "Well, you see, Mum the pure food law don't allow us more than twenty-five million bacteria to the gallon, an' you wouldn't believe how long it takes to count the little divvils."

—August Lippincott's.

Mistakes are stepping-stones upon which some people step upward and some downward.

—August Lippincott's.

Tulle and net are having an unprecedented vogue.

The man who is handy around the house usually isn't much good anywhere else.

## DAILY FASHION HINT.



### For One or Two Materials.

This design allows the maker to employ either two materials or a single one, according to taste. The blouse is the usual plain style in cut, but it is provided with bib facings, which may be used or omitted, as desired. The neck opens in a deep V, but inside this there is a small vest, and at the edges is attached a smart collar.

The two piece skirt is provided with a deep flounce section, quite flat in effect and showing through an opening at one of the side seams, although other treatment is permissible.

Silk and wool fabrics, linen in two colors, glingham, and many of the novelty woollens can be made into very handsome dresses in this style.

The dress pattern, No. 6202, is cut in sizes 34 to 42 inches bust measure. Medium size requires 5 1/2 yards of 36 inch material.

The pattern can be obtained by sending 10 cents to the office of this paper.

## Mystic Shrine to be Instituted at Panama.

NEW ORLEANS, La., July 26—Several hundred high degree Masons from all parts of the South sailed from New Orleans to day for Panama on the chartered steamship Atenas. The principal object of the trip, which is conducted under the auspices of the Grand Consistory of Louisiana, is exemplification of a class of 102 at Panama. After degrees of Masonry are conferred a branch of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine will be instituted.

## Hymoei The Breatheable Remedy for atarrh.

The rational way to combat Catarrh is the Hymoei way, viz: by breathing. Scientists for years have been agreed on this point but failed to get an antiseptic strong enough to kill catarrh germs and not destroy the tissues of the membrane at the same time, until the discovery of Hyomei (pronounced High-o-me).

Hyomei is the most powerful yet healing antiseptic known. Breathe it through the inhaler over the inflamed and germ-ridden membrane four or five times a day, and in a few days the germs will disappear.

A complete Hyomei outfit, including the inhaler, costs \$1.00 and extra bottles, if afterwards needed, cost but 50 cents. Obtainable from your druggist or postpaid from The R. T. Booth Co., Ltd., Fort Erie, Ont. Hyomei is guaranteed to cure asthma, croup, sore throat, coughs, colds or grip or refund your money back. Sold and guaranteed by E. W. Mair.

## RUSSIA AUTHORIZED TO OCCUPY ARMENIA.

LONDON, July 26—A despatch to the Daily Express from Rome says.

The powers have authorized Russia to occupy Armenia in order to compel Turkey to withdraw behind Enos Midia line, the new frontier between Turkey and Bulgaria as fixed by the treaty of London.

Goos luck is like a lot of other things. You never fully appreciate it until you haven't it.