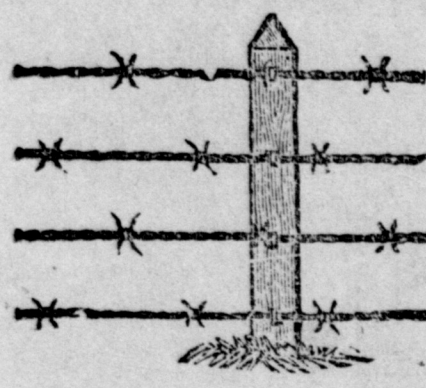


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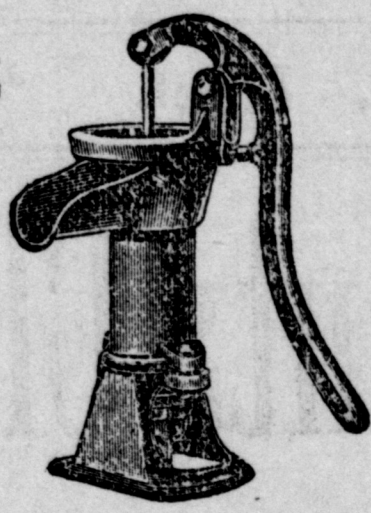


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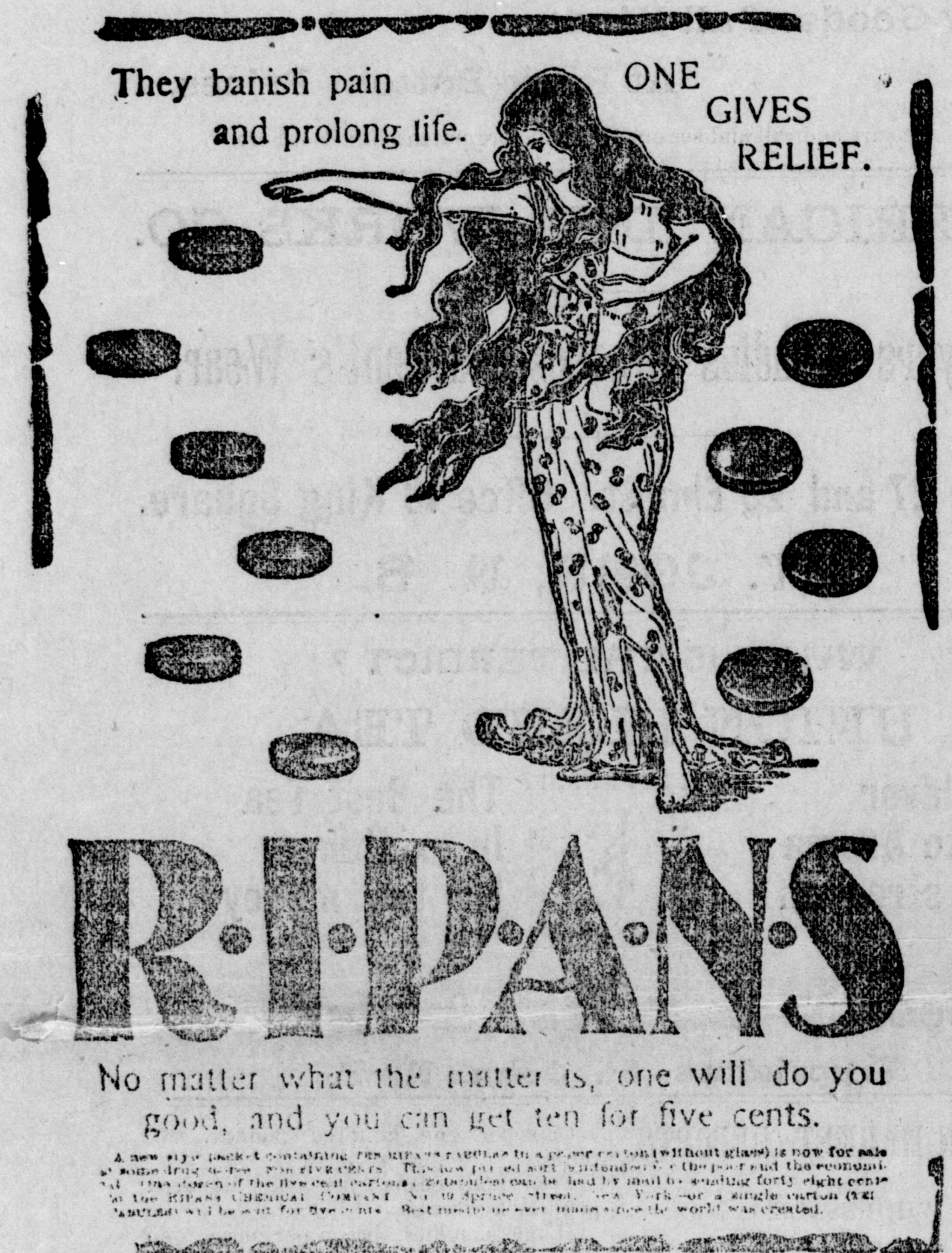
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AN INDESCRIBIBLE MONSTER.
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(Continued from last issue)

Some years ago a man came from one of the rum dens, excited with liquor, and deliberately set to work to kill his wife. Seating his little girl, ten years of age, in a chair, he compelled her to witness the horrid deed, threatening her life if she moved or made a noise. Then seizing the wife and mother by the hair of her head, with no provocation, he fell to beating and kicking and dragging her around the room. Not satisfied with this, he dragged her out of doors, down a flight of stone steps and back again, till she was dead. The little girl watched her opportunity, and fled to the neighbors and revealed the awful tragedy. A few months after he was hung in prison, cursing his little daughter with his latest breath. But are these isolated cases? By no means. I venture the assertion that he who reads the public prints generally for the next six months will find similar feats out of this traffic. "It stamped the residue under its feet." So does rum. But it may be asked, when property, character, family and influence are all destroyed, what else is left to be trampled under foot? We answer, there is much left—the undying soul!—Yes, that poor wretch, whom the rude boys jostle in the streets, was once not only a "mother's darling," but perhaps some noble maidens lover or husband, and still he has a soul. And that soul must at last swell the songs of angels in heaven, or wail among the lost forever. This to me, is the worst feature of this rum trade—it ruins the soul! The fourth beast was not only "diverse from those that went before it," but it was more destructive than the other three combined. So in this case, a warrior may fall on the battlefield, amid the thunder of artillery, the roar of musketry, the rush of horsemen and the clashing of arms; and may be borne away in triumph in a chariot of angels to a world where there is no more strife.

Pestilence may strike its fatal blow in an hour, but its victim may reach a clime where "Chilling winds and poisonous breath, Are felt and feared no more."

The slave may clank his chains under a cruel task-master, but may soon burst these shackles and mount to the land where all are free, and walk the golden streets of the New Jerusalem, and amid fields of bloom, pluck the blushing fruits of Paradise, and in each case it may be written emphatically, "To die is gain."

But the drunkard's death is hopeless, for it is written, "No drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of God." Should our foreign foe levy such a tax as rum imposes, no power could resist the tide of indignation which would be raised against it. Or let some foreign vessel attack one of ours on the high seas, and the whole country is aroused; and should some foreign power claim a few acres of our wild land, war is the result. But this tyrant may load us with the most galling chains, rob us of our homes, lands and goods; ruin our families, destroy our property, and even ruin the soul, and yet the monster is fostered, and grows strong by the indulgence of our people. Oh! for the spirit of freedom that would break the thralldom of this tyrant Alcohol! But this struggle is to be more desperate than any that has preceded it, for it is a crusade on two renown conquerors, Pocket and Appetite. But let every lover of the race nerve himself to the conflict, and as Gideon with his 300 tested cold water men surrounded the camp of Midian, so let the Grand Temperance army move upon the works of the tyrant King, shouting everywhere, "The sword of the Lord and of cold water men!"

SINFUL EXAMPLE OF DRINKING AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SELLING INTOXICATING DRINKS.

It must be acknowledged that we may share largely in the responsibility of sins committed by others. Few are alone in sinning; in nothing is there more companionship. By providing, in any way, for the entrance of another upon a wrong course, or contributing to his facilities for continuing therein, we become his associates in the crimes committed. To give any help however small to a transgressor of law, whether human or divine, as by giving our consent to his transgression or lending our sanction thereto, we become equally as guilty as he. There may be partnership with evil-doers by patronizing or authorizing them in their misconduct, as well as by partaking of their unlawful gains. Of course we are partakers of other men's sins when we actually commit the same sins, and thus by our example and influence encourage them in their transgressions. The same applies when we place temptation in the way of other, thereby leading them astray. To sanction the sins of others by allowing them to go unrebuked and unchecked is to share in their sins. These considerations apply with all their force to the use and sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage. All who drink intoxicating beverages, by their example and influence encourage others to drink. No one can drink without influencing others to do the same, and if they drink so as to be ruined, he whose example was the cause of their drinking must be held account-

able for the results of his influence in this respect. Can he lightly set aside the apostolic injunction "that no man put a stumbling-block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." Would it not be much better for him to imitate an apostle's noble philanthropy, avowed when he said, "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." By drinking he encourages others to injure and destroy themselves and, he must answer for his selfish indulgence. Those who sell intoxicating beverages by their actions directly help the unparalleled evil caused by drinking. Without places in which the deadly drams are sold and persons by whom they are sold there would be little or no drinking. He who provides a place and occupies a place for this purpose is responsible for the ruin thus wrought. Everyone who sells liquor to be used as a beverage is a drunkard maker, and the responsibility of making drunkards cannot be evaded by him. In a great many cases the seller is more to be blamed than the drunkard. Every rumseller knows that the most moderate drinker to whom he sells is becoming a drunkard by every drop that he sells. If there was no moderate drinking there would be few drunkards. No clear line can be drawn between the moderate drinker and the drunkard. To drink at all is, in most cases to drink excessively and ruinously. There is no safety out of total abstinence. Every drunkard who ever went to a drunkard's grave began to drink moderately. In the responsibility all the harm which comes from what is called moderate drinking those engaged in the liquor traffic are largely concerned. They are partakers of the sins of drunkards and theirs is a far greater sin than the sin of the drunkards whom they make drunkards.

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