Strong Drink

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It is charged that railroad men are addicted to the too common use of intoxicating liquor. We are forced to acknowledge that in a great measure this is true. But not to the same extent that a similar charge would have been made ten years ago, for railroad employees do not indulge as much in the habit as they did then, especially enginemen.

And we wish it understood that the cause is attributable to the Brotherhood, in proof of which we submit the following from the laws governing it:

Section 1. Any member dealing in, or in any way connected with the sale of intoxicating liquors, shall be expelled.

Section 2. Any member found guilty of drunkenness shall be suspended for the first offense. A repetition shall be punished with expulsion, and under no circumstances shall a member so expelled be reinstated before the lapse of one year.

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