

## Plain talk

Written by Fidellas, this item advocates through prose and verse, the Liquor License Law. He also wishes to congratulate his friends in the House and Senate of the 1885 Kansas Legislature on the success of prohibition.

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## PLAIN TALK.

**Some Plain Talk and Good Advice, in Prose and Verse, to the Champion  
Liquor License-Law Advocate and his few Comrades in the House  
and Senate of the Kansas Legislature of 1885, together  
with Congratulations over the grand Success  
of Prohibition.**

BY FIDELLAS.

Who has joined the whisky plot  
To make my friend a drunken sot.  
His money take, his stomach rot  
With alcoholic drinks?

The liquor saloon advocate whose idea of liberty is a license to do wrong.

Who tries with false and wordy blows  
To kill the law that grog shops close,  
Fount and source of countless woes?

The "Champion" who wants to license a trade that produces drunkenness,  
pauperism and crime.

Who wants to license men to sell  
A drink that makes on earth a hell.  
Where victims swear, fight and yell.  
And other kindred acts?

The Demosthenes of the House.

Who spends his breath in vain,  
Brings on his soul a guilty stain  
That will for long years remain.

And bring remorse, oh dread remorse!

This orator who takes an oath to support the Constitution and the laws, and  
then in wild harangues denounces them, and encourages a lawless set  
to disobey, thereby receiving to himself the just censure of all honest  
men.

Who are stupid, vile and mean,  
Beyond the power of soap and steam  
To make them white and clean?

These heartless men who clamor for "high license," well knowing that if by  
any possibility it could be granted, it would oblige dealers to sell large  
quantities to young and old, causing great poverty and distress, dupli-  
cating sad cases like Elias Pontius, whose thirst for drink caused his

family to suffer and his wife to die from actual want; and the saloon  
keepers who produced this result have been mulcted by the court in  
damages to the amount of \$2,100.

Who will go to that dreaded place,  
Beyond the power of sovereign grace.  
Unless they quick their steps retrace?

These men who have office on the brain, and violate their oath by trying to  
make laws to encourage vice and crime by license, when they should  
work for prohibition and commercial pro-perity, and assist in framing  
laws to encourage temperance, thrift, education, benevolence and all  
the kindred virtues.

Who should go down on their marrow bones  
And plead in strong, beseeching tones  
For pardon, for wrecking homes  
To many a household dear?

These political shysters who turn a deaf ear to the cries of distress, the  
claims of humanity and the appeals of justice.

Not mad ambition then will go astray,  
Nor wish their oath to disobey,  
Nor try to win their wicked way  
To Legislative Halls.

Hail! Prohibition, grand success!  
Its come to stay, its come to bless

And save our land from dire distress,

In this, and generations yet unborn.

It has closed all the saloons in Topeka—about fifty in number, fifteen of the  
proprietors are in county jail—and has become the settled policy of the  
State, by electing a Governor on a sound platform by about 40,000 ma-  
jority. Senators for Prohibition, 30; for License, 7; Representatives  
for Prohibition, 81; for License, 34.

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