

## THE SEVEN SINS OF SOCIETY—THE SEVENTH SIN, INTEMPERANCE

This is the last of seven articles naming and analyzing the reasons for "The Seven Deadly Sins of Society," one article appearing in this newspaper each day and each shedding a great deal of light on "the



things men and women live by."—  
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Society is much too NICE to call its worst sin by the correct name.

What the ancient moralists who made the list of sins called lust, masquerades in our general conversation as "intemperance," or in some other

half-revealing disguise. Which is a pity, because it is by such evasions that society's original sin remains today its principal sin.

But in spite of society's niceness, it has always been so curious about and interested in the red sin of the ages that now new preachments about it can be devised.

Reviewing the seven deadly sins as the ancients listed them, the crudeness and sensuousness of them all is startling. Civilization has added marvelous subtleties and refinements to existence, but it has not eliminated one atom of sensuousness from man's sins. In fact, it has only contributed to his opportunities and enlarged his capacity for intemperance.

Cities blazon temptation in electricity along their great white ways. What is the only meaning of the most successful musical comedies? Why must all film plays be censored?

If society were willing to discuss this subject aloud we might come closer to the truth about it. As it is, the prude who whispers and the libertine who boasts make no distinctions whatever in the quality of man's affections. And good girls go wrong because they mistake lust for love.

Human affections cause the greater part of human miseries. But that woman especially suffers so acutely today is small credit to her intelligence.

Man is as good as she forces him to be and as bad as she permits him to be.

Woman holds human happiness in the hollow of her hand, but she has never had the sense to see that her power is unlimited, never the courage nor the perseverance to use any part of it to the best advantage.

She is supposed today to be the reservoir of the spiritual attainments of the race, but she uses her power