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Mr. Frank Forbes Corliss
Oakland, Maryland

My dear Mr. Corliss:

I hope you will pardon me for my long delay in replying to your interesting letter of last July.

Of course I appreciate your interest in my article, "Is Prohibition Forcing Civil War?" - glad that it met so hearty approval that you are willing to pass on your ideas to me.

Your suggestion of a law, making alcohol a non-profitable product, to be sold at absolute cost, to consumer, would undoubtedly go a long way in helping the trouble; but I am afraid, my dear Mr. Corliss, that the country would have to go a very long way before you could pass such a law. However, agitation of it is all to the good.

I am afraid that I can be of very little help to you. I am not connected with any organized publicity channel nor do I do any editorial work. I am an independent writer, and all I can do for any cause that interests me is to put down my views and find a publisher if I can.

It is possible that a little later I could incorporate your suggestion in an article which I am writing, reviewing the different ideas that people have on causes and remedies for intemperance. However, you might not want your notion exploited in that way. I certainly should not do it without your consent. How about it?

Sincerely yours