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TWO SENSATIONS.

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“**T**HERE has been large police graft in the Tenderloin, estimated at \$800,000 a year.” This is the latest item that comes from the District Attorney’s office.

The information is sure to produce a Sensation—two Sensations.

One Sensation will come from the righteous, the truly, or the affectedly so.

These will turn up their eyes at the depravity of the Police—a body from whom “the example of good conduct is expected,” hence doubly guilty for misconduct.

The other Sensation, that is, conscious sentiment will be felt by the Socialist.

He will reason: If \$800,000 is paid for “protection” only, the amount collected by the keepers of these houses must be fabulous. They are notoriously affluent folks, their “houses” are noted for the elegance of their equipment, often for the splendor that they display. If despite these gross expenses, and despite \$800,000 spent in keeping the Police in good humor, luxury is the share of the “keepers,” then millions must flow into the hands of these bribers. Stepping from one reasoning to another, the Socialist’s wonderment will increase. He will reason that the Working Class furnishes no patrons to these establishments; they can not; they are too poor. The patrons are there, all the same. Where do they come from? If the patrons come not from the Working Class, they must from the other Classes. The other Classes are the minority of the population. Accordingly, the deep and broad stream of cash that flows into the hands of the keepers of “houses” must come from the minority of the population, probably even a minority of that minority.

The first Sensation saddens and shocks the sentient; the second Sensation amuses and invigorates.

In the difference of the two Sensations lies the difference between mooncalfdom

and intelligent man; between Ignorance and Knowledge; between dupes and undupables; between social dead-weights and propellers of society Progressward; finally, also between the corrupt Mind and the healthy Mind.

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