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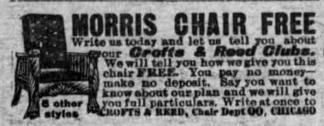
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ward which they strive. They are many, however, who "work for pure joy of the working," and these are perhaps the happiest.

Sad specimens to be found in the ranks of laborers, either of head or hands, are those who count the hours till the end of the task and count the tasks till the end of their labors; who "see nothing more than the path they pursue till their creepings be o'er;" whose works are illuminated with no flashes of hope nor even by the ignus fatuus of ambition,

But sadder than these, perhaps, are those who have an aim to acquire wealth but no object for its expenditure when acquired. The piling up of money may give pleasure but it is in the use of it for some settled purpose, some fixed design that makes its acquisition worth the while.

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Joe Bing, he plowed four acres onct, He plowed it good an' neat; n' 'fore the sun had near gone down The job was all complete.

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