Dowagiac, Mich.,
April, 28, 1892.

Mr. A. W. Tourgee,
Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Sir: — People generally live accordingly to their means. There is as many, that more than use up their income, than those that lay up a part of it.

A Chinaman that lives in a hovel, in his native country subsists on what civilized people would not think of eating, and does not consume any flower nor help any one else to; but some Americans that live in a

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mansion, consumes 10,000 barrels of flour annually. The persons that write and print his news papers, his servants, the men that built his mansion, the hands that build and manage the railroads that carry him and his mail, the men that dig his coal, and the persons that furnish his entertainments, consume flower. He may have a picture hanging on his wall that an artist was one year painting. There is one hundred or more ways, that he can consume flower Countries that apply the most inventions are the best off.

The trouble is our inventions are not applied enough at com-

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running. Paper money has been
invented make and apply it.
Prohibition is invented apply
that. Then our urban population
would increase much faster than
it does at present. Then it would
be, mead, or over consumption.
When the people engage in pro-
ducing products, products are
low. When engaged in other
pursuits, as commerce and what
pertains to city life, products
are high.

Yours Truly,
A. H. Potter,
Dowagiac,
Mich.

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