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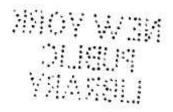
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INTRODUCTION

"MY BATTLES WITH VICE" is the story of the struggle for honor and virtue of the girl who must work to live.

It is the story of thousands who have fought the battle of modern industrial life and lost.

Virginia Brooks is the girl, who singlehanded fought the forces of evil in West Hammond, Illinois, and compelled the town to clean up. It was she who drove the worst dives in Christendom out of existence, because, knowing the law, she fought for its enforcement.

This story is written by a young woman reared in the best social atmosphere, whose desire to aid her less fortunate sisters manifested itself early in life.

With the energy and eagerness of youth,

backed by the foremost philanthropic interests in Chicago, she sought out and studied at first hand the problems of the six-dollar-a-week working girl—not by asking questions, but by living with the girl, working with her side by side for the same wage, experiencing her temptations, sharing her sufferings, confronting her problems.

Virginia Brooks did not stop there. She followed the girl who had fallen to those precarious crags and ledges down the mountain-side that delay the final plunge into the abyss. In the amusement resorts, dance halls and byways that exit all in one direction, she learned the lesson of the ages from a new viewpoint—the viewpoint of the new woman.

THE PUBLISHERS.

FOREWORD

THE OLD UNDERLYING EVIL

THE social evil is as old as humanity. As far back as history gives any record, evidences of its existence and the subsequent terrible traffic are to be found. From savagery to modern civilization women have been slaves to the brute that lives in man. They have been captured, sold for profit, and have had little to say.

The Dark Ages are replete with data on this sad, shameful phase of life. The dawn of the Christian era, with its accompanying teaching of purity and chastity, introduced extreme asceticism. A radical stand was necessary where civilization had apparently gone sex mad.