

TO EMPLOYERS: THE DELETED SECTION

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Of course, this chapter refers to alcoholics, sick people, deranged men. What our friend, the vice-president, had in mind, was the habitual or whoopee drinker. As to them, his policy is probably sound, but as you see, he does not distinguish between such people and the alcoholic.

The deleted section:

Being a business man, you might like to have a summary of this chapter. Here it is:

One: Acquaint yourself with the nature of alcoholism.

Two: Be prepared to discount and forget your man's past.

Three: Confidentially offer him medical treatment and cooperation, provided you think he wants to stop.

Four: Have the alcohol thoroughly removed from his system and give him a suitable chance to recover physically.

Five: Have the doctor in attendance present him with this book, but don't cram it down his throat.

Six: Have a frank talk with him when he gets back from his treatment, assuring him of your full support, encouraging him to say anything he wishes about himself, and making it clear the past will not be held against him.

Seven: Ask him to place recovery from alcoholism ahead of all else.

Eight: Don't let him overwork.

Nine: Protect him, when justified, from malicious gossip.

Ten: If, after you have shot the works, he will not stop, then let him go.

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It is not to be expected that you give your alcoholic employee a disproportionate amount of time and attention. He is not to be made a favorite. The right kind of man, the kind who recovers, will not want this sort of thing. He will not impose upon you. Far from it. He will work like the devil, and thank you to his dying day.

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Some thoughts:

Bill knew of Hank's tendency to write in a "wandering" fashion, straying off topic regularly and often leaving out important connecting thoughts. So, given Hank's overall lack of "literary organization", Bill thought a ten-point summary would bring clarity to an often rambling chapter. And since this was directed to businessmen, perhaps he thought they appreciate this "business-like" review to close the chapter.

Hank, on the other hand, felt it redundant and unnecessary so this excellent numbered summary was deleted (most likely by Hank himself) just before it went to press. So, however rambling this chapter turned out to be, it "shines like a beacon of clarity" (Bill Schaberg, WTBB, pg. 402) compared to the story Hank already submitted ("The Unbeliever")