

**Iron County Register**

M. C. T. U. NOTES.

**NOTHING FOR NELLIE.**  
 As I closed my box at the office,  
 And stepped to one side  
 away,  
 I heard a voice at the window:  
 "Please! Mister Postmaster, say,  
 "Is there anything for mamma,  
 Or Nellie (that's my name)?  
 I was here at half-past three, sir,  
 But I thought I would come again."  
 "Is there anything? Look careful,  
 'Cause he said that, right away,  
 He'd surely write to mamma and me,  
 And we'd get it on to-day."  
 "Nothing at all, my little one,"  
 I heard the man reply;  
 And she turned away, to hide, I thought,  
 The tear in her sad blue eye.  
 And the quivering lip gave token  
 Of a disappointment keen,  
 While the face wore the bitter shadow  
 Which fell o'er the broken dream.  
 "You may get it to-morrow, I reckon,"  
 I said in a cheerful tone;  
 "So be patient, and wait till morning;  
 I will be here next time you come."  
 And she, with a look half hopeful,  
 Yet pained and indignant, cried,  
 "It won't! not after this—  
 My papa again has lied!"  
 I started, and gazed on the rose-red  
 cheek,  
 With its protest all aflame,  
 And she spoke in terms more measured:  
 "Whisky is always the same!"  
 "When sober, my papa keeps his word,  
 As good as any can;  
 He loves us, and works, and don't forget,  
 And is honest as any man."  
 "So I know he's got to drinking,  
 Instead of finding work."  
 He's lied; I fear it will break her heart,  
 Do you know how such things hurt?"  
 I had no answer. No letter had she  
 To take to the mother at home;  
 The child and wife of the man who lied  
 Must solve their problem alone.  
 I took the little hand in mine,  
 And a silver dollar placed  
 In the palm of the child whose life  
 The father's life had disgraced.  
 And I said to myself, going homeward,  
 "How old, for a child of eight!  
 How wretched the home and mother  
 Left on the edge of fate!"  
 And I mused about "high license,"  
 That leaves mother and child alone  
 Waiting the letter "he promised to send,"  
 While we vote it shall never come.  
 —H. A. Delano.

**TOBACCO VS. WOMEN.**

From the Union Signal.  
 We have had many good words to  
 say for the *Brooklyn Magazine*, but we  
 feel like taking them all back on read-  
 ing an article in its Editor's Table on  
 "Smoking Among Ladies." After  
 giving instances of cigarette smoking  
 among ladies in uppertendom, he pro-  
 ceeds to show the absurdity (?) of the  
 question, "Men smoke, why shall not  
 women?" He answers that "there are  
 a thousand and one things which,  
 though proper in men, are entirely un-  
 becoming to women. The association  
 of tobacco with a refined lady is dis-  
 agreeable; it is not so with the most  
 polished gentleman."  
 Despite the peremptoriness of this  
 assertion, we may venture to suggest  
 that "that depends." One who looks  
 upon a kindly regard for the comfort of  
 others as an essential attribute of a true  
 lady or gentleman, may not readily see  
 the force of the logic which makes a  
 disgusting habit compatible with pol-  
 ish and refinement in any person what-  
 soever. We infer from one expression  
 in the following extract, that our es-  
 teemed contemporary would condemn  
 the use of tobacco as unhealthy were it  
 considered from a hygienic rather than  
 an aesthetic standpoint, but all the  
 weight of disapproval is made to hang  
 upon the question of appearance, which,  
 in this case, as in most others, is de-  
 cided by custom. He says:  
 "No woman—and we watch each word in  
 this statement—can be a lady and be ad-  
 dicted to smoking. The argument that  
 men smoke is no plausible reason for  
 women doing so, and no one possessed  
 of any degree of common-sense will  
 advance such a comparison. There are  
 scores and hundreds of things that  
 can be properly associated with the  
 more common and less refined of man,  
 but when connected with the delicate  
 and refined nature of woman they be-  
 come widely dissimilar. Tobacco was  
 intended for the use of men, and while  
 it would be infinitely better were it  
 not used at all, or used in much  
 lesser quantities than it is at present,  
 the cigar or cigarette is not becoming  
 to the most perfect gentleman."  
 Allow us to ask by whom tobacco  
 was intended for the use of men?

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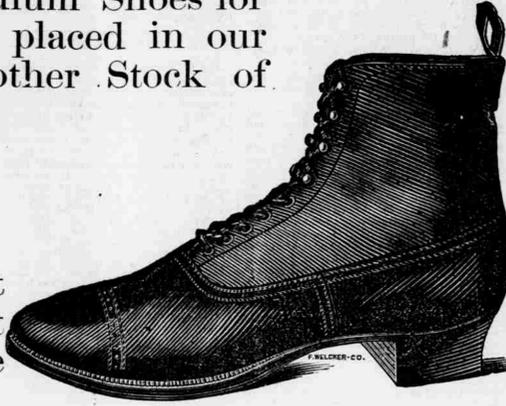
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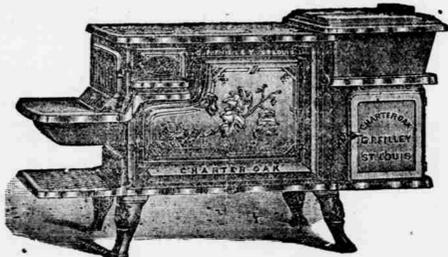
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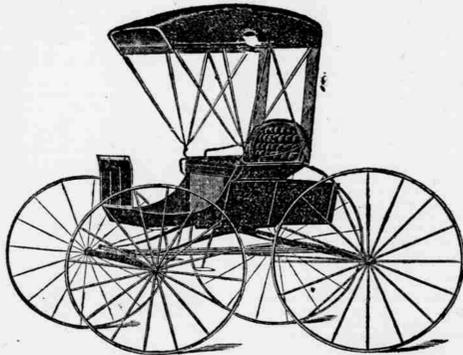
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