

W. C. T. U. Column.

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W. C. T. U. WATCHWORDS: ORGANIZE! EDUCATE! AGITATE!

A Reply to Mr. Hilburn.

The article entitled "A Word to Young Men," which was inserted in this column Jan. 14, found its way to Locust Cottage and created a "brainstorm" of such proportion that the criticism which one F. P. Hilburn "felt impelled" to offer, in its turn invites and deserves censure.

Young man, did you ever ask yourself why there are so many people in the world unemployed, and why so many fill a drunkard's grave? I felt utterly to find the statement that drunkenness is responsible for a great percent of the world's idleness, which Mr. H. so emphatically denied.

But the assertion which was made that "there is employment for the entire world—yes—honorable employment," called forth more emphatic denial. No intelligent thinker will gainsay that force of circumstances throws thousands out of employment.

Yet, I go so far as to assert that even a proportion of this element would find employment could the man and the job be brought together. Conditions seem to verify such a statement when from the towns and cities goes up the cry "Thousands thrown out of employment," and again from the country sections we hear the urgent call for laborers.

The lengthy quotation from Maybank's Monthly is foreign to the subject in hand and fails to partake of the spirit for which the W. C. T. U. insignia stands. This space is not devoted to literature which arrays one class against another, but rather its purpose is to be a means of education and uplift to any, especially the young, be he a pauper or a Morgan.

Believe me, every article published in this column, whether original or selected, is designed to better the condition of humanity and promote the great cause of temperance. It is my desire to be fair, to be honest, to be temperate in language and life, knowing that "All zeal for a reform that gives offense to peace and charity, is mere pretense."

Before we publicly criticize let us believe with Pope, that "Ten measure wrong for one who writes amiss."

their irreverent mirth more than the enemy's guns. "Nothing—it's over," said Elizabeth. "Twas sweet, 'twas heavenly, but 'tis past!" said Dudley.



HE BROKE OFF AND SAID SOMETHING TO ELIZABETH IN AN UNDERTONE WHICH AROUSED THAT YOUNG PERSON'S UNBROKEN MIRTH.

evening; we are going to have some Christmas music at the church," said Thankful, observant of her brothers.

"I wonder if they will be rivals," thought the mother, her heart sinking as she noted the looks of them and handed Dudley the cake-basket.

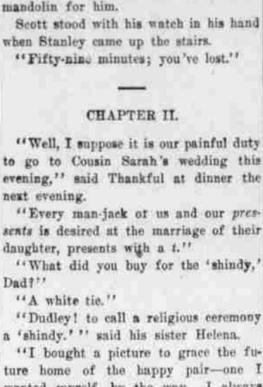
"How is the Gordon case coming on, Stanley?" said his father, lighting his big meerschaum pipe and sitting down by him.

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"I think it is sweet and lovely," she replied, her eyes shining. "Humph!" granted Scott. "May I see you home, Mrs. Soule?"

"What a handsome moustache your brother has! quite the handsomest I ever saw." Scott flashed a sharp look in her eyes and she blushed painfully.

Redott don't intend to get married again," said Elizabeth as they left the room. "Scotty, old boy, you are not 'in it,'" said Dudley, with an air of exaggerated sympathy.



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"Where does your mother keep her medicines?" she asked. "In the little cabinet in her bedroom—I'll get it—" but she rushed to the cabinet, and vaguely remembering things she had heard from time to time concerning croup, she found a bottle, and returning to Dudley, who was trying to soothe the struggling child, she poured some of the syrup it contained into her mouth, and was relieved to see that she swallowed it.

"Mother gives her medicine with a spoon," said Dudley reproachfully. "There is no time for spoons; get some hot water as quickly as possible, give her tea, and bring that little tub in your mother's room."

"You might wear a pair of arc lights in your ears, like Mrs. Merton." "I believe she sleeps in them. Now I shouldn't really care to sleep in a pendant, but then I would just as soon have a coronet. 'Bring forth the royal diadem—come, Elizabeth, we shall be late at school.'"

"I should think they would come home sometime—I am so sleepy!" In a few minutes he started awake with an awful sense of something wrong; he sprang up wide awake.

"I tell you that baby would be dead if you had not come, how can I thank you? I can't; Tan must do that. You won't have anything to eat? Thanks awfully, yes I will with pleasure," and bowing to an imaginary host, he went to the dining room.

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breath, and dashed back across the street again. She turned in the door. "Mother, the Redfield baby is ill; I am going over—Dudley is alone," and closing the door, she also dashed across the street, book in hand, not waiting for a wrap. She reached the room just as Dudley took up the child; she could see the babe was in a dangerous state, though she had had no experience with children.



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