

Note—The following article has been widely published and is one of the most remarkable illustrations of the value of careful marshalling and analysis of facts in presenting a subject to the public.

LEVELERS

The Mission of Whiskey, Tobacco and Coffee.

The Creator made all things, we believe. If so, He must have made these.

We know what He made food and water for, and air and sunshine, but why Whiskey, Tobacco and Coffee?

They are here sure enough and each performing its work.

There must be some great plan behind it all; the thoughtful man seeks to understand something of that plan and thereby to judge these articles for their true worth.

Let us not say "bad" or "good" without taking testimony.

There are times and conditions when it certainly seems to the casual observer that these stimulant narcotics are real blessings.

Right there is the ambush that conceals a "killing" enemy.

One can slip into the habit of either whiskey, tobacco or coffee easily enough, but to "untangle" is often a fearful struggle.

It seems plain that there are circumstances when the narcotic effect of these poisons is for the moment beneficial, but the fearful argument against them is that seldom ever does one find a steady user of either whiskey, coffee or tobacco free from disease of some kind.

Certainly powerful elements in their effect on the human race.

It is a matter of daily history testified to by literally millions of people that Whiskey, Tobacco and Coffee are smiling, promising, beguiling friends on the start, but always false as hell itself in the end. Once they get firm hold enough to show their strength, they insist upon governing and drive the victim steadily towards ill health in some form; if permitted to continue to rule, they will not let up until physical and mental ruin sets in.

A man under that spell (and "under the spell" is correct) of any one of these drugs frequently assures himself and his friends: "Why, I can leave off any time I want to. I did quit for a week just to show I could." It is a sure mark of the slave when one gets to that stage. He wiggled through a week fighting every day to break the spell, was finally whipped and began his slavery all over again.

The slave (Coffee slave as well as Tobacco and Whiskey) daily reviews his condition, sees perfectly plain the steady encroachments of disease, how the nerves get weaker day by day and demand the drug that seems to smile and offer relief for a few minutes and then leave the diseased condition plainer to view than ever and growing worse.

Many times the Coffee slave realizes that he is between two fires. He feels bad if he leaves off and a little worse if he drinks and allows the effect to wear off.

So it goes on from day to day. Every night the struggling victim promises himself that he will break the habit and next day when he feels a little bad (as he is quite sure to) breaks, not the habit, but his own resolution. It is nearly always a tough fight, with disaster ahead sure if the habit wins.

There have been hundreds of thousands of people driven to their graves through disease brought on by coffee drinking alone, and it is quite certain that more human misery is caused by coffee and tobacco than by whiskey, for the two first are more widely used, and more hidden and insidious in the effect on nerves, heart and other vital organs, and are thus unsuspected until much of the dangerous work is done.

Now, Reader, what is your opinion as to the real use the Creator has for these things? Take a look at the question from this point of view.

There is a law of Nature and of Nature's God that things slowly evolve from lower planes to higher, a sturdy, steady and dignified advance toward more perfect things in both, the Physical and Spiritual world. The ponderous tread of evolutionary development is fixed by the Infinite and will not be quickened out of natural law by any of man's methods.

Therefore we see many illustrations showing how nature checks too rapid advance. Illinois raises phenomenal crops of corn for two or three years. If she continued to do so every year her farmers would advance in wealth far beyond those of other sections or countries. So Nature interposes a bar every three or four years and brings on a "bad year."

Here we see the leveling influence at work.

A man is prosperous in his business for a number of years and grows rich. Then Nature sets the "leveling influence" at work on him. Some of his investments lose, he becomes luxurious and lazy. Perhaps it is whiskey, tobacco, coffee, women, gambling, or some other form. The intent and purpose is to level him. Keep him from evolving too far ahead of the masses.

A nation becomes prosperous and great like ancient Rome. If no leveling influence set in she would dominate the world perhaps for all time. But Dame Nature sets her army of "levelers" at work. Luxury, over-eating and drinking, slothfulness, waste and extravagance, indulgences of all kinds, then comes the wreck. Sure, Sure, Sure.

The law of the unit is the law of the mass. Man goes through the same process. Weakness (in childhood), gradual growth of strength, energy, thrift, probity, prosperity, wealth, comfort, ease, relaxation, self-indulgence, luxury, idleness, waste, debauchery, disease, and the wreck follows. The "levelers" are in the bushes along the pathway of every successful man and woman and they bag the majority.

Only now and then can a man stand out against these "levelers" and hold his fortune, fame and health to the end.

So the Creator has use for Whiskey, Tobacco and Coffee to level down the successful ones and those who show signs of being successful, and keep them back in the race, so that the great "field" (the masses) may not be left too far behind.

And yet we must admit that same all-wise Creator has placed it in the power of man to stand upright, clothed in the armor of a clean cut steady mind and say unto himself, "I decline to exchange my birthright for a mess of pottage."

"I will not deaden my senses, weaken my grip on affairs and keep myself cheap, common and behind in fortune and fame by drugging with whiskey, tobacco or coffee, life is too short. It is hard enough to win the good things, without any sort of handicap, so a man is certainly a 'fool trader' when he trades strength, health, money, and the good things that come with power, for the half-asleep condition of the 'druggie' with the certainty of sickness and disease ahead."

It is a matter each individual must decide for himself. He can be a leader and semi-god if he will, or he can go along through life a drugged clown, a cheap "hewer of wood or carrier of water."

Certain it is that while the Great Father of us all does not seem to "mind" if some of his children are foolish and stupid, he seems to select others (perhaps those he intends for some special work) and allows them to be thrashed and castigated most fearfully by these "levelers."

If a man tries flirting with these levelers awhile, and gets a few slaps as a hint, he had better take the hint or a good solid blow will follow.

When a man tries to live upright, clean, thrifty, sober, and undrugged, manifesting as near as he knows what the Creator intends he should, happiness, health and peace seem to come to him. Does it pay?

This article was written to set people thinking, to rouse the "God within" for every highly organized man and woman has times when they feel a something calling from within for them to press to the front and "be about the Father's business," don't mistake it; the spark of the Infinite is there and it pays in every way, health, happiness, peace, and even worldly prosperity, to break off the habits and strip clean for the work cut out for us.

It has been the business of the writer to provide a practical and easy way for people to break away from the coffee habit and be assured of a return to health and all of the good things that brings, provided the abuse has not gone too far, and even then the cases where the body has been rebuilt on a basis of strength and health run into the thousands.

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TALKS WITHOUT TONGUE.

Robbed of Organ by Surgical Operation, New Jersey Man Articulates Better Than Before.

Tongueless, yet able to talk better than when in possession of his organ of speech—that is the remarkable condition of William Bunting, a wealthy bachelor of Elmer, N. J., who received treatment recently in Philadelphia.

Mr. Bunting came to the Hahnemann hospital to have his throat treated for what he believed to be inflammation, caused by a severe cold. Upon investigation the doctors found the disease to be much more serious than the patient had suspected, and that in order to save his life his tongue must be removed. It was swollen to twice its normal size, so that Mr. Bunting was unable to articulate plainly.

After the operation the first words the patient spoke, "Is it all over?" were the plainest he had spoken since his trouble began, several years ago. Those in attendance were able to understand everything he said.

Wrong Department.

A prominent physician tells this story at the expense of the modern craze for specialization in the medical profession. A poor woman went to a dispensary to ask for aid for her little son, who had had one of his fingers smashed. At the first room where she applied she was told by a curt attendant that the boy could not be treated there.

"Wrong place," he explained, "this is the eye and ear department." "Verre is der thumb and finger department?" inquired the woman, simply.—Tit-Bits.

Where the Sin Lay.

A rather plain lady asked the opinion of her minister: "Is it a sin to feel a trifle of vanity when I am called handsome by a gentleman?" "Not a sin for you, my child, but a terrible responsibility hangs upon the gentleman."—Tit-Bits.

Not Too Fast.

Mrs. Weeds—I suppose the law in this state gives the widow her third. Lawyer—Oh yes; but you've got to get rid of your second first.—Chicago Journal.

THE FIGHTING CEASES.

Rains and Bad Roads Stop Operations in Manchuria.

The Number of Japanese Killed During the Fighting at Port Arthur is Placed at 50,000—Reckless Attacks.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 21.—Apart from skirmishes and exploits of scouting parties there is almost a complete suspension of operations in Manchuria. The heavens have interposed to put a stop to bloodshed. Rain, impassable roads and exhausted armies are factors sufficient, in themselves to explain the cessation of hostilities, and these conditions are aggravated by a dense fog overspreading the whole of the theater of war. Behind this pall either side would be able to change the disposition of whole forces in absolute secrecy; but the obscurity renders absolutely dangerous any attempt at a forward movement. When the curtain of mist is lifted the fighting may be resumed under totally changed conditions.

Che Foo, Oct. 21.—According to a camp follower, who has been for some time with the Japanese army now besieging Port Arthur and who is at present in Che Foo, having arrived from Dalny, the number of Japanese killed before the forts has reached 50,000. He says the mikado's men recklessly attacked the strongest positions, making wild rushes in masses, the soldiers being stripped of their accoutrements and clothing. The result was that the Russian machine guns mowed them down. He also asserts that there is some talk among the officers and men that leads to the belief that the Japanese mean to try to carry the inner forts and citadel this month.

New York, Oct. 24.—So far as the dispatches from the far east show there has been no change in the relative positions of the hostile armies confronting each other on the line of the Shakhe river. There is an unconfirmed report that a Russian force of 20,000 men has been concentrated at Kauts Pass, 20 miles northeast of Liao Yang, which may be indicative of the direction in which Gen. Kuropatkin is likely to strike his next blow. Cold weather is causing suffering to the armies in the field, although it has wrought an improvement in the conditions for the movement of troops. A report has reached St. Petersburg, but lacks confirmation, that the Port Arthur fleet has left its anchorage in the harbor and has taken up a position in the roadstead.

Tokio, Oct. 24.—Manchurian headquarters reporting by telegraph say that the number of Russian dead found on the battlefield and interred up to October 22 makes a total of 10,550. Upon this total Russian casualties are estimated to exceed 60,000. The Japanese captured a total of 45 guns during the Shakhe operations. The report of the Manchurian headquarters following:

"The enumerated spoils, etc., of the battle of Shakhe follows: Prisoners, about 500; enemy's dead left on the field, 10,550; 45 guns, 37 ammunition wagons, 6,920 shells, 5,474 rifles, 78,000 small arms, ammunition, number of swords, shovels, axes and tents. Beside the enumerated property the uncounted property, extending over 25 miles, will reach an enormous quantity.

"The enemy's dead is being interred with military honors."

KILLED HIM AT LAST.

A Traveling Man Fatally Shot By His Wife.

Arcadia, Miss., Oct. 24.—R. I. Fezzell, a traveling man, was fatally shot Sunday by his wife shortly after recovering from a previous murderous assault by her. Mrs. Fezzell attempted her husband's life first upon being accused of improper relations with another man. She then sued for a divorce. Saturday in the presence of their son she killed her husband.

He Smothered the Babe.

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 24.—Because he objected to taking care of his baby brother, who was left in his charge, Thomas Jefferson Jones, a colored six-year-old boy, suffocated the infant by piling upon it a large quantity of bed clothing.

Dumont's New Balloon.

Paris, Oct. 24.—M. Santos-Dumont is constructing his 13th balloon. It is intended to remain aloft for several days, the leakage of gas being compensated for by a smaller inner balloon inflated by steam. The car is to hold four passengers.

Fair Will Be Open on Sunday.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 24.—The Lewis and Clark exposition grounds will be kept open on Sunday afternoons but the buildings, with one exception, are to remain closed. The fair will be kept open, however, under certain restrictions.

Damaged by An Earthquake.

London, Oct. 24.—Dispatches received here from various points report a rather severe earthquake and much damage to property throughout Scandinavia and Denmark Sunday morning. Thus far, however, no fatalities have been reported.

Hon. John Morley Arrives.

New York, Oct. 24.—Rt. Rev. John Morley, the English statesman and author, arrived Sunday on the steamer Celtic. During his stay in this city Mr. Morley will be Andrew Carnegie's guest.

GOING TO STAY YOUNG.

Even Government Inspectors Couldn't Make Her Older Than She Looked.

A Brooklyn woman lately returned from Europe was describing to her husband who had remained at home her experiences with the customs inspectors who had taken her declaration in the cabin of the liner coming up the bay, relates the Brooklyn Eagle.

"When he asked me my age," she said, "I told him 30." "But, my dear," exclaimed the husband, "you're over 30." "I know it," she returned, "but do I look more?" "No, you don't; that's a fact."

Six Doctors Failed.

South Bend, Ind., Oct. 24 (Special).—After suffering from Kidney Disease for three years; after taking treatment from six different doctors without getting relief, Mr. J. O. Laudeman, of this place, found not only relief but a speedy and complete cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills. Speaking of his cure, Mr. Laudeman says: "Yes, I suffered from Kidney Trouble for three years and tried six doctors to no good. Then I took just two boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and they not only cured my kidneys, but gave me better health in general. Of course I recommended Dodd's Kidney Pills to others and I know a number now who are using them with good results."

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In selecting a business or profession for a boy care must be taken not to confound taste with talent.—Chicago Tribune.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

MARKET REPORT.

Table with market prices for various commodities like CATTLE, CALVES, HOGS, SHEEP, LAMBS, FLOUR, WHEAT, CORN, OATS, RYE, HAY, PORK, LARD, BUTTER, Choice creamery, APPLES, POTATOES, TOBACCO.

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A VOICE FROM THE PULPIT.

Rev. Jacob D. Van Doren, of 57 Sixth street, Fond Du Lac, Wis., Presbyterian clergyman, says: "I had attacks of kidney disorders which kept me in the house for days at a time, unable to do anything. What I suffered can hardly be told. Complications set in, the particulars of which I will be pleased to give in a personal interview to any one who requires information. This I can conscientiously say, Doan's Kidney Pills caused a general improvement in my health. They brought great relief by lessening the pain and correcting the action of the kidney secretions."



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Details of Another Case.

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