More Deer than Sheep in Maine.

Twenty-five years ago there were very few deer in Maine, especially in Franklin and Oxford Counties. They were there unknown. In fact, I never saw a deer track in the State till about 1880. Since that time they have increased very fast. I have no fear for deer in the future. They are to-day in every county of the State. Indeed, I may safely say, I am sure that there are more deer than sheep in the State to-day. And that this is so is due, in my opinion, to protection afforded them.—Boston Herald.

Getting Off the Earth.

"It seems," said the melancholy man, "that there is nothing but trials and tribulations in this life."

"True," replied his jovial friend, "but what are you going to do about it?"

"Simply this," said the gloomy individual, "I'm tired of it all, and having arranged my affairs satisfactorily to-morrow I propose to quit the earth."

"What!" exclaimed his horrified friend, "do you mean to say that you contemplate suicide?"

"Oh, no," was the reply; "I'm merely going on a protracted sea voyage for the benefit of my health."

The gossip that the milk men give their patrons should be called "Chalk Talks."

The artist (complacently)—This picture with the frame is worth $325. His friend—Come, old man! you never gave $300 for that frame?—Truth.

Jenkins—I wonder how it happens that Miss Kidd is always out when I call? Jones—Oh! just her luck, I guess. —Browning, King & Co.'s Monthly.

Young Softleigh—Do you know, Miss Cutting, that I actually believe I am losing my mind? Miss Cutting—Indeed! Why, how can you tell?—Chicago News.

"How did Flimgilt get rich?" "By his shrewd speculation." "And how did Fucash happen to lose his property?" "Oh, he went and dabbled in stocks."—Washington Star.

He—Give me a kiss. She (decidedly) —I won't. He—You shouldn't say "I won't" to me; you should have said, "I prefer not." She—But that wouldn't be true.—Harlem Life.

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NOTES OF INTEREST TO THE ANTI-LIQUOR LEADERS.

An Official Opinion of the Late Frances E. Willard—An Editorial from the Union Signal—Serpent in the Liquor Glass.

Oh, Would I Were a Boy Again.

Oh, would I were a boy again,
When life seemed formed of sunny years,
And all the heart then knew of pain,
Was wept away in transient tears,
When every tale hope whispered then,
My fancy deemed was only truth,
Oh, would that I could know again,
The happy visions of my youth.

'Tis vain to mourn that years have shown,
How false these fairy visions were,
Or murmur that mine eyes have known,
The burden of a fleeting tear;
But still the heart will fondly cling
To hopes no longer prized as truth,
And memory still delights to bring
The happy visions of my youth.

—Mark Lemon.

Frances E. Willard—An Official Opinion.

From the Union Signal: No one loved home better than Frances Willard. But few in her rank had less of it. The author of "Home, Sweet Home" never had a home. With her, as with him, it was all through life and always "the song of the dying swan."

Next to her mother and her nest at Evanston Frances Willard had her home on earth in the hearts of white-ribboners. They were to her always, in her own language, "our folks," and her home festivals were mostly where they gathered together. So it came about that all of our meetings, including our great conventions when women came together from the ends of the earth, have always been homelike; and the sweetest and most touching things ever said by Miss Willard were her quaint and pathetic utterances at such meetings about home and mother and father and little ones. They were the charm of our gatherings. She threw in so many appreciative sayings about people and things on the inspiration of the moment, that they came to be called Miss Willard's embroidery. Happy are we if we, too, embroider life's pathway with sweet and lovely flowers, rather than wound the weary feet with thorns and nettles.

Frances Willard's life work was preeminently for the home, and it was consistent throughout. The loving care she gave her mother, and the words of almost excruciating tenderness the daughter penned of the last days of St. Courageous, as Madam Willard came to be called, have molded many a life for good.

Women have been accused of being severe and unforgiving and critical toward each other, but the life of our gentle Frances forever denies the charge for one at least, and marks a new era in the centuries, when it is written, "Women demand a white life for two, and extend an equally helping hand to both—equal pity and equal love to fallen women and fallen men."

One of the great elements of Frances Willard's success was her power over women. It was only necessary for gay young girls or society women to come within the pervasive atmosphere of love which enveloped her like the nimbus of the ancient saints, from head to foot, to become her devotees, for the time being at least, and to desire nothing more than to serve her and her cause—for the two were inseparable. Their devotion was given in response to the appreciation she gave of the good in them, for she was a seer who discerned the possibilities in others' lives, and she breathed upon latent good, that it might become instinct with life. She was all this to her white-ribbon constituency and far more. Her head was set upon her shoulders like a rose upon its stem, and it turned or lifted or drooped with the sentiment that scintillated through her great brain like a flower moved by the gentle wind. In our conventions, when at the last moment of the last evening session, the sisterhood forms, as is their custom, a chain of clasped hands from the vast platform down into the auditorium and around the great audience of five or six thousand people and sing our parting song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," a deaf-mute might follow the sentiment and the rhythm of the song simply by the central figure of Frances leading them by the bend of her head and the swaying of her form—but she was far more than graceful. Her aesthetic taste was cultivated in many directions, by her college education, by books, travel, museums of art, and contact with cultivated people in many lands. These opportunities given to a naturally bright, sensitive and strongly intellectual nature produced an elegant woman who could not do an ungenteel act—but she was far more than elegant. She might have been, to the world at least, simply an educated woman, classical and cold, had it not been for the great cause which developed her emotional nature, and brought her into close touch with all humanity and made her great-hearted. But informed in mind and heart and then touched with a live coal from off the altar with love for humanity, she could adapt herself to the lowliest and the most ignorant. Through all her work love pulsated, and by her kindly spirit women were incited to their best and brought nearer to the full stature of womanhood. She was a great educator of her followers.

The destruction of the base and ignoble possessed her. The building anew and the polishing and perfecting consumed her. Her desire for progress toward the good was insatiable. She was infinitely painstaking and conscientious, and never satisfied with present attainments. One height reached and she caught glimpses of peaks beyond, and thus she inspired all her followers. Her resources were practically limitless. She rarely failed to settle differences amicably. She was never partisan. Her mental poise seemed perfect and that of her heart as well. She never forgot the supreme aim of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the do-everything policy as some have thought, but made all things contribute to the one great object, the final overthrow of the liquor curse. She had one single purpose with many ideas, and because of this she became a leader in the temperance revolution which Lincoln prophesied in 1842 would follow that against slavery. She was a great general and gave her life as really to the revolution which she led as Lincoln gave his to the cause of the lowliest and most despised, though in a different way, and because of this she will live in the hearts of the people and her cause "will go marching on." To the great organization which belts the globe with its symbolic bands of white, which owes its power and prestige so largely to her tireless brain and consecrated heart, her death means that her cause is immortal.

Serpent in the Glass.

Many of the famous advocates of temperance are dying off, but there is one trumpet-tongued orator who continues to sound his tocsin in every house that contains a Bible. It is the divinely-inspired preacher who utters this tremendous warning—"Look not on the wine when it is ruddy, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it goeth down smoothly; for at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder!" Young man, listen to that loud and loving voice before you touch the glass of champagne; good woman, stop and think what you are about before you mix that big bowl of punch for your party; father, be careful how you put that sly serpent on your table, for some of your boys may get stung to death!

The serpent quality of all intoxicants lies in their deceptiveness. "Wine is a mocker; whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." The drinker fancies that his glass is doing him good and promoting his health. Instead of adding to his strength it excites him for a time and the reaction leaves him the weaker.

Thousands of people call for liquors at the restaurants, or set them on their tables to promote digestion; and I have known persons to cling to this fallacy after alcohol had poisoned their stomachs. The heroic Dr. Livingstone of Africa—a physician himself—asserted that he "could stand any and every hardship best by using water and water only." I had a conversation this week with Nansen, and thanked him for his published testimony that during his exploration of Greenland, he found alcohol of no benefit to himself or his men.

Another deceptive quality in intoxicants is that they steal a march on those who use them, and an appetite for them is formed before one suspects it. The reason is that every glass of liquor increases the desire for another glass. A tumbler of water or milk satisfies thirst; a draught of liquor increases thirst. This fact makes it so difficult to tamper with wine or brandy without becoming addicted to it—and in too many cases enslaved by it. An eminent minister of my acquaintance began to use port wine as a tonic; it woke up a terrible appetite and not long ago he had to resign his charge under a cloud of disgrace! Women in poor health often resort to alcoholic "medicines," or sly "stiffeners," and become victims of the serpent before they are aware. I could startle my readers if I dared to mention some of the deplorable cases.

To break the terrible habit and to shake off the serpent requires such effort that few are permanently reformed. Some surrender to the inevitable and go over the cataract with eyes open to their doom. A young man said to a friend of mine: "This awful drink has used up my money, ruined my health, and almost killed my parents. It will soon kill me, and send me to hell! I know it, and yet the habit is so strong that I cannot stop." And he did not stop; yet when he began to sip his wine, he never dreamed that he would die a wretched sot. Of all the deceivers that betray body and soul to damnation, none is so alluring an ensnaring as the glass.

It is strange that parents—many Christian parents—will allow it to come into their homes, and will provide it for guests. It is strange that, in spite of all the miseries suffered by the wives of drunkards, so many women are willing to marry young men who are in the habit of taking a social glass; they are playing with a viper; if their hearts are stung with agony it is their own fault. No young woman should ever accept the hand of any young man if that hand ever touches an intoxicant. This stand resolutely taken by our women would increase the number of teetotallers immensely. If the above-mentioned things are strange, it is stranger still that churches, Sunday schools and pulpits do not ring out oftener and more vehemently this heaven-sent tocsin—"Look not on the wine! Look not on the wine! It stingeth like a serpent, and biteth like an adder!"—Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler.

A bill has been introduced into the Kentucky legislature, now in session, by Senator Thomas of Bourbon to decrease the penalty for selling liquor in local option counties from one hundred to twenty-five dollars.

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