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Moral Suasion.

There is endless discussion about "Keely" and other advertised "cures" for inebriety. Not one-tenth of all the drunkards are reformed by any process. If one-tenth of the efforts that is made to reform drunkards were spent in persuading young men never to touch it at all, the results would be infinitely better. The Jew swore commanded to build battlements around the flat roofs of their houses to keep people from falling off and being killed. Prevention was what God aimed at when he commanded his people to build these parapets on their houses. The right place to build the battlement of prevention of the drink case is at home. Every sensible parent should teach his or her child the simple principle of total abstinence. The Sunday-school is another place to put up parapets. In the public schools the law that requires temperance teaching should be inexorably enforced.

Senator Sherman's good mother did not overlook her dear boy's temptations or dangers. If she had, the nation might have lost one of its most eminent statesmen. My good mother corrected me severely in my early childhood for having once sipped some sherry wine that was left standing on the sideboard of a house not her own. Then she induced me to sign a pledge of entire abstinence, and but for that I should probably have been swamped into ruin by the drinking customs of college life. Parents have a tremendous responsibility; and so have teachers and so have pastors and churches; and their foremost duty is to save the young from the drink demon by timely prevention.

"Pshaw!" says some flippant scoffer, "that means moral suasion!" Yes, my friend, it does, and Jesus Christ meant moral suasion when He came into this world to teach us how to live. The mothers meant moral suasion when she teaches her child to be a Christian. All good preaching means moral suasion. Take all the suasion out of the world and it would be a hell! And if more efforts are not made to keep boys and young men from forming the drinking habit, we shall have unlimited amount of liquor sellers, and a tremendous crop of inebriates. Let us strive hard, my good friend, to shut up the accursed drinking dens on God's Sabbath! Let us aim at suppressing them on every day of the week, but the surest way to suppress them, is to suspend all of our efforts to prevent young men from forming the habit of drinking intoxicants. It is the drinkers who support the sellers of alcoholics. The time to save men and women is—before they begin.—*Clarence Courier.*

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Three Long and Excellent Words.

There are three rather long words, which may be used as pegs on which to hang reflections of their own, or points around which ideas may cluster. One is development. If you can cut an apple through the circumference, as you cut an orange, you will see in clear outline around the starlike center made by the seeds the shape of the blossom. The fruit has grown from the flower, and the flower's shape is in the heart of the fruit. The fruit developed little by little through summer days and winter days, but the flower gave it the start. Take the little thought and use it, and if you have a gift or grace—a taste for housekeeping, cooking, sewing, painting or reading, develop it by use and study and taking pains.

My next long word is responsibility. It means, as we all know, an answering when we are called, answering to our names. The responsible person can be trusted. Not long ago, in New York City, a fire broke out in the upper stories of a great apartment house. Two young women, one a young lady visiting the family in a certain home on the sixth floor of the house, the other a maid in the same home, were confronted suddenly with black volumes of smoke, red tongues of flame, and no way to escape but by the iron ladder that hung along the side of the house. There were two little children there and some valuable papers, and though the young women could not save everything, they took the children and the papers down the fire-escape with calmness and courage. They were responsible.

My next word is consecration. It is a very sacred word, and I leave you to weave your own sweet fancies around it. We must be consecrated to the best possible ideal, we must fill every day with noble work.

The Reverie of an Old Man.

As I sit and watch the smoke ascending from my pipe my thoughts often take amusing turns. This time they turned on to bugs. It may have been from the fact that when I put on my coat there was a large pincer-bug hid in its folds and it took two members of the family to dispose of him. What an army of bugs and what a variety—tumble-bugs, chinch-bugs, bed-bugs and bugs ad infinitum. When I was a boy I use to find great pleasure calling up the doodle-bug. The doodle-bug is a little ugly, rusty colored bug with horns that has his horn in a funnel shaped hole in the loose dust. I suspect he shapes his hole like a funnel so as to enable him to hear sounds readily. Every sound he interprets as a call to him to come forth. I would put my mouth near his hole and call: Doodle-bug, doodle-bug, come and take off my bag of corn." Soon the dust in the bottom of the hole would begin to move and soon his bugship would appear, looking very wise. Is it not very strange that the tumble-bug, that used to be so common has nearly left the country? But as the old varieties leave new ones take their place. Of the new species there are a few gold-bugs, a good many straddle-bugs and lots of chinch-bugs. The army of little political aspirants that fill the land to-day are the new type of doodle-bugs, who mistake every political sound in the air for a call to them to run for office. I may write you again. ALPHAI.

Origin of Lynch Law.

It is said that lynch law had its origin in Virginia. Charles Lynch, whose name has been given to the summary proceedings known as acts of lynch law was, a revolutionary soldier, and after the war, took up his residence in Pittsylvania county. This region became infested with bands of Tories and outlaws, whose depredations among the people of the lower parts of North Carolina and Virginia caused a reign of terror. Col. Lynch organized a body of patriotic citizens, men of character and propriety. When any of the marauders fell into his hands they were not taken and shot, but were given a trial by jury selected from Lynch's men. If the prisoners were found guilty punishment was inflicted upon the spot. The general lynch law the penalty was death. One who knew Col. Lynch well was assured by him that the prisoners were frequently let off with a severe flogging and liberated on condition that they would leave the country.—*Chicago News.*

Consumption
AND ITS CURE
TO THE EDITOR.—I have an absolute remedy for Consumption. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been already permanently cured. So proof-positive am I of its power that I consider it my duty to send two bottles free to those of your readers who have Consumption, Throat, Bronchial or Lung Trouble, if they will write me their express and postoffice address. Sincerely,
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Swine Department.

The cholera scare was the main cause of the hurried and large shipments of hogs to market last fall. Then the continued low price and the promise is still lower by the manipulators, offered little encouragement to farmers to hold even their young hogs for a later market. The consequence is that many have parted with their breeding sows and their young hogs, notwithstanding the large crop of cheap corn, and they now begin to realize that they acted too hastily, as the offerings are being greedily taken, and the increase of 75 cents in price fails to increase the arrivals. This result shows two things, viz., that the hogs have been mostly disposed of, and that the few who have looked ahead with the view of supplying a future and better market, are in no hurry to dispose of their herds until they have fully matured, knowing that in this way they can get better prices for their corn, and that the tendency of hogs will still be to better prices.

Inquiring among many of the farmers, reveals the fact that breeding sows and pigs are scarce, and many are now paying nearly as much as they realized for their matured hogs last fall for young sows and shoats of no better breeding.

Farmers, as a rule, are as great bulls and bears as are to be found, in the stock exchanges, for when prices are down they hasten to unload for fear of lower markets, which their haste is sure to bring about, and when prices are on the rise, their scramble to stock up is equally great; which aids in carrying prices still higher.

The farmers and breeders who have not lost their courage, and have a lot of young hogs on hand, or a lot of brood sows that will farrow early this spring, can congratulate themselves, as the prospects are for better prices in hogs than we have had for at least two or three years, and the man that has a lot of such hogs and little corn is even better off than the man who has lots of corn and no hogs or other stock, for the former can buy corn and feed it at a greater profit than the latter can buy hogs.—*America Agriculturist.*

Not His Man.

A farmer came into a grocery store the other day and exhibited to an admiring crowd an enormous egg about six inches long, which had been laid by one of his own hens. He had it packed in cotton, and wouldn't allow anybody to handle it for fear of breaking the phenomenon.

The groceryman examined it with care, and, intending to chaff the countryman, said:

"Pshaw! I've got something in the egg line that will beat that."

"I bet you \$5 you have not," said the countryman, getting excited.

"Take it up," said the groceryman, and, going behind the counter, he brought out a wire egg beater.

"There's something in the egg line that will beat it, I guess," said he, reaching for the stakes.

"Hold on, there," said the farmer, "let's see you beat it," and handed it to the grocer.

The latter held out his hand for it, but dropped it in surprise on the counter, where it broke two soup plates and a platter. It was of iron painted white.

"Some folks think they're tarnation cute," muttered the farmer, as he poked the stakes and lit out, "but 'tain't no use buckin' against solid acts!"—*Murry, Ky., Leader.*

Why is it American farmers become discouraged when the price of stock is low, then quit breeding, just when they should start in to be well stocked up when prices advance. European farmers are staunch advocates of stock breeding from one generation to another, from decade to decade and from century to century.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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Try the Experiment.

A writer in one of our exchanges believes that the moon has a very decided effect upon this earth. In a laborious article of a column he says among other things:

"Here is a simple experiment which any one can try: Take a quart of common peas and divide it into four parts, keeping each part separated. Then, when the season approaches, select any spot of ground, which is at all fit for vegetation, and sow the peas in the four parcels, as follows: Those in the first parcel on the first or second day of the new moon, those in the second parcel near the same spot on the first or second day of the second quarter, those in the third parcel on the second or third day before the full moon and those in the fourth parcel on the second or third day before the moon is out. Those who have tried the experiment say that the peas in the first parcel, sown under the new moon, will grow very fast and will blossom most beautifully, but will not bear fruit; that those in the second will blossom and bear very little; that those in the third will not only blossom beautifully but will also bear fruit in abundance, and that those in the fourth will scarcely rise from the ground. A well-known authority also informs us that 'all fruit trees planted at the new moon, blossoms but never bear fruit, while all others planted three days before the full moon, bears abundantly, and in pruning trees the same effects occur, for trees pruned at the new moon will shoot forth branches, but are unbecomable, whereas, if pruned at the full, they will be prolific.'

THERE is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced in incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and, therefore, requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address:
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