

### Short Temperance Lecture.

Here's a temperance lecture that The New York Sun says has the merit of being true:—A reporter met a man one day who for years kept a well known up-town grog shop. "I've given up the business; sold out and quit for good," said the ex-saloonkeeper. "I couldn't stand drunken men. Oh, I could handle them all right—I wasn't afraid of them, but the idea of taking so much money that deprives women and children of necessities and comforts was too much for me. I used to see poor fellows who got ten or twelve dollars a week come in of a Saturday and blow in half their earnings, and I knew that it meant distress for hard-working women and innocent children. I couldn't keep on taking their money. It broke me up."

Reynolds Bros., of Toledo, have shipped eleven cargoes of corn, aggregating half a million bushels, to Liverpool, England.

The proudest mother in Maine is a down east pig with 16 piglets. She is blue, while eight of her children are red and eight of them white.

The estate of the late I. V. Williamson, of Philadelphia, foots up to nearly \$10,000,000; and yet the only article of luxury that he possessed was a hundred dollar gold watch, which was given to him.

A hot spring near Ragtown, Cal., throws a column of water nearly eight inches in diameter to a height of thirty feet. The water is boiling hot, and the spray scalds the skin whenever it comes in contact with it.

A Maine mechanic is the inventor of a sleigh which is to be run by steam. The model which he has built has capacity and motive power sufficient to carry 15,000 feet of logs. The sleigh made a number of successful trips during the winter.

The automatic fire-sprinkler system in a big stationery warehouse in New York went off without any provocation the other night, and flooded the place with thousands of gallons of nice clean water and damaged the expensive stock to the extent of many thousand dollars.

The famous writer Tolstoi is said to have given the government more anxiety by his present crusade against the numerous public holidays in Russia than by all his other religious philosophic teachings, which have made such a stir elsewhere. There are over fifty holidays in each year, and Count Tolstoi declares that they merely serve as occasions for idleness and drunkenness.

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