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## DRINK.

**"A suicide from drink,"**

**The chapter grows long; so long**

**We weary as we read and think**

**And wonder when shall cease the**

**wrong.**

**The Herald told the tale,**

**"Whiskey," the vile word groweth**

**stale,**

**And yet it groweth in its sway.**

**Before the lathered bar**

**A daughter stood; it is a shame**

**That innocent must go so far**

**To plead for home and love and name.**

**And thus she pleaded in tears,**

**"Sell not my father, drink for me**

**Are seven children young in years;**

**When father drinks we all must die.**

**"He comes with storm and curse,**

**And over since poor mother died,**

**He has been drinking worse and worse;**

**Sell not my father drink," she cried.**

**Cry to the winds as well;**

**The traffic harkens human hearts,**

**The trade goes on; its coffers swell**

**With gold, whoever whops or starts.**

**Ye pass these gay saloons,**

**Your shadows fall upon these dens;**

**What care have ye what victim swoons?**

**What protest have ye, citizen?**

## LIVING TOO FAST,

**OR THE**

**Confessions of a Bank Officer.**

**CHAPTER XXIV.**

**AUNT RACHEL'S WILL.**

Both Lillian and myself were

unusable while we waited for an

answer from Tom Flynn. I pic-

tured to myself the surprise of the

noble fellow when he read my let-

ter. I was not worthy of the dis-

tingled friendship he had ex-

tended to me, but I did not believe

that he would spurn me, as I de-

served, in my guilt and shame,

rather to seek relief from the misery

that preyed upon us than to see

the sights, we went over to Paris.

There was no peace for me in Eng-

land, and at the end of a fortnight

we returned to London. I had

written to Tom that his answer

would find me there. I wished

him to inform me whether I could

safely return to Boston, for I wish-

ed to go there, settle up my busi-

ness, and then begin to live anew

in some part of the country where

I was not known. The future,

therefore, was still a problem to

## her property, as I had anticipated

she would, but the most that I had

ever heard her rated as thirty

thousand dollars, and according to

the city standard, this would not

make a very rich man. I was wil-

ling to wait for an explanation,

however, and I followed Tom out

of the room. We went down to

the office, where rooms for the

newly married couple were secured

near mine. The baggage was sent

up, and Tom and I took the parlor

for a conference.

"I suppose you are anxious to

know how your affairs stand in

Boston, Paley," said my friend.

"I am not anxious to make my

peace with God and man," I

replied, earnestly. "I have sided

against God and man. I am a

wretch.

"That's a fact, Paley; I can't

deny it. But repeat and sin no

more."

"Tom, if it were not for my

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Prison. I feel that I have no right

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## Gems of Thought.

**He that lends to all shows good-**

**will, but little sense.**

**Very few have sense enough to**

**despise the praise of a fool.**

**Good nature, like the bee, col-**

**lects honey from every herb.**

**Fancy runs most furiously when**

**a guilty conscience drives it.**

**Christians should be humble and**

**thankful, watchful and cheerful.**

**The best education one can ob-**

**tain is the education experience**

**gives.**

**The brightest jewel is of a**

**woman—modesty, of a man—cour-**

**age.**

**Everywhere endeavor to be use-**

**ful, and everywhere you are at**

**home.**

**It is only those who have done**

**nothing who fancy they can do**

**everything.**

**The friendship of an artful man**

**is a sure self interest; you will get**

**nothing, and may lose much by it.**

**The love of display which results**

**in selfishness, is the result of**

**selfishness, of the desire to ex-**

**cite the envy of others rather than**

## A Very Big Frog.

**THE STORY TOLD BY AN 'EXCOURT'**

**STRANGER TO THE BOYS.**

It was remarked afterwards that

he had a sneaking, low-down look,

and the boys were sorry that they

didn't arrest him as the Nathan

murderer. He called at the Ninth

avenue station, asked if they had

an aquarium there, and if they

didn't want a Lake St. Clair-frog to

put in it—and he added:

"Gentlemen, it is a frog which I

caught myself, and he really ought

to be an exhibition. I never saw a

frog of his size before."

"How large is it?" inquired a

sergeant, instinctively glancing to-

wards the top of the cool stove.

"Gentlemen, I hate to give you

the figures, because I'm a stranger,"

replied the man.

"There's some old whoppers up

in the lake," put in one of the re-

lief squad. "I've seen 'em as big

as the stove cover, and even big-

ger."

"Well, some one ought to have

said this frog was a specimen of the

general interest of the state.

## A Big Rat Trap.

**The Sacramento (Co.) Record.**

Following recent date reports the

following extraordinary rat catch-

ing: "The kitchen and store-room

of a hotel in this city have been

infested by rats, and it became evi-

dent, also, that a hoghead in which

it was kept furnished the rats with

an opportunity to fill their

stomachs when other sources failed.

Tuesday evening the hoghead was

emptied, a little food being left

in the bottom to serve as bait.

All the holes were stopped up, and

when the mammoth trap was finally

set it was arranged that the rats

should enter it as desired, but

there were no means of escape. A

few minutes after it was set, three

or four rats sprang into it, and not

finding much food, became hoghead

and began fighting for the posses-

sion of what there was. Three

quarreling attracted more rats, and

when the trap was examined, be-

fore midnight, it presented a singu-

lar spectacle, being apparently

about one-fourth filled with the

pests—little rats and big, gray-