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THE DRUNKARD'S WIFE.

POETRY

In a hospital ward a woman lay, Painfully gasping her life away : so bruised and beaten, you scarce tould Womanhood's semblance in form or face.

et the hair that over the pillow rolled. In a tangled mass was like threads of And nover a sculptor in any land. Moulded a daintier foot or hand.

Said one who ministered to her need : " Noue but a coward could do this deed I am making ice cream this season by And what bitter hatred must have perved new recipe, which every one pronounces the arm That a helpless creature like this could

barm. Having refitted my Ice Cream Parlor, Then the dim eyes, hazy with Death's am in a position to give good satisfaction to parties wanting Cool Drinks, or Ice Slowly unlocked, and the swollen lips Marmared faintly, "He loves me wellar Pic-nic Parties supplied at reason My husband-'twas drink-be sure you

When he comes to himself-that I forgive Poor fellow-for him-I would like to shudder, a mosu, and the words were And the drunkard's wife on the couch lay

Oh, fathers who hold your daughters dear Somebody's daughter is lying here. Oh, brothers of sisters! come and see What the face of your precious ones may

Oh, man! however you love your home,

Be it palace or cottage, 'neath heaven's blue dome. This demon of drink can enter in. For law strikes hands and bargains with You have legalized crime, you have the

Now hand them over, the sons you sold-Keep pushing them forward. Drink, boys, Your fathers are paid for your souls the

And in the great marts where Mammon thrives. Cheapest of all things are human lives.

OUR STORY.

BLOOMS.

AN EXPERIENCE OF THE

The Blooms had plenty of company a last summer. Through strawberry time through cherry time, through peach time when the grapes were ripe, and the melons ready to cat. Scarcely has the train stopped at Springville station without leaving company for the Blooms. Last summer had borne an unusual crop of cousins, often very remote ones indeed, and of friends

who had "taken such a fancy ou first sight" to-ma, or Kitty, or Bessie. They arrived unexpectedly and stayed for weeks, taking bag and bagyage with them, and prominent among these friends had been forty-second cousin Bell, Mrs. Green and her little girls, Mrs. Black and her son, and Mrs. Budd, baby and nursemaid. No matter how inconvenient the time, how unexpected the arrival, a hearty welcome had been extended. Ma had run out to greet them, grandma hurried in. all smiles. Bessie rushed to the kitchen to see that the kettle was ou and lunch prepared. and Kitty to the spare rooms to air and arrange them; and after his day of toil, pa had harnessed his horses and taken the wagon to the depot for the trunks as though it were a pleasure, and he were not longing to put his feet into his slippers and read

his paper in the big rocking-chair. "How nice and kind to come so far to see us," says grandma; and despite the hay, and the crops, and the men to feed, the guests were taken to the "falls," and the "high rocks," and "the grove," and to ride on moonlight evenings ; and when they

left were thanked for their visit. "We only met them once before when we went to Mrs. Barker's-Fannie's wedding," says ma, "and it's wonderful they should have thought so much of us as to

come down and stay three weeks." And on the next day perhaps a long-forvotten cousin arrived; and so they followed each other all through the pleasant time. But in the dreary winter, when the brook is frozen over, and the branches bare, guests are scarce at the old homestead and having time, and to spare, ma and Kitty thought they would go down to the

city, do shopping, and visit their friends. "I think we'll stay over night," said ma putting on her bonnet at the glass. "We go by the five o'clock train, and get to the city at seven, and by eleven we can go through shopping and go to Cousin Bell's to lunch. She'll want us to stay there, know, but we must call on the Green's and Black's; and we'd better stay at Mrs. Budd's, she urged us so; and she was at our house six weeks, you know, and took suck a notion to us. I considered it a compliment for her to come, never having met her but once before, and to bring three of her family, too;" and ma and Kitty kissed everybody, and departed, looking as pretty and tidy, and fashionable as need be, an quite in a little flutter at the idea of meet ing those dear friends who loved them summer; and with two night gowns

FAC-SIMILE OF FIRST TOTAL ABSTINENCE PLEDGE.

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Through the courtesy of the *Orillia Packet*, we are enabled to present to our readers a fac-simile of the first Total Abstinence Pledge ever taken, with the signatures of the "seven noble men of Preston." This pledge was made on Saturday, 1st Sept., 1832. To us, at this day, there seems nothing striking in such a Pledge, but at that time there were many that thought it unsafe to advance so fast. The temperance reformers of the present day have no idea of the conflict that was kept up on this subject. To forbid wine and beer was declared an innovation upon both English and American temperance orthodoxy. But it was soon discovered that the liberty, allowed in the first pledges, to take ale and wine in moderation, was a fatal source of back-sliding, and hence arose herce controversy, which lasted for some time, and from which ultimately evolved the Total Abstinence Pledge represented above. We understand that the Packet was the first newspaper in America to publish the fac-simile of this interesting Pledge.

the porter in uniform directed them to the they had a little lunch, which they ate elevator; which they ascend to Mrs. Bell's fist. The French maid in a cap opened the door, and a little woolly poodle barked at them as they entered. Mrs. Bell, in elegant negligee, shook hands and offered them seats.

"So pleased to see you!" she said. "What nice weather! And Kitty as blooming as ever! Do you like my poodle? Mr. Bell paid a hundred dollars for him last week. I love it dearly. I have it with me a great deal more than I do baby. Nurse has taken baby out, so I suppose you won't

see him. How do you like my place?" "It's very handsome," said ma who has her own opinion of French flats and elevators, which she is far too civil to express. "And I suppose you have quite a view

from the window !" "Yes," said Mrs. Bell, putting back the curtain. "There - there's our church. And that is the restaurant where we take, our meals. I don't have any cooked at home. I go there to breakfast at nine, and to lunch at half-past twelve, and I dine with Mr. Bell at six."

Kitty glanced at the clock, and said very

" Ms, hadn't we better go?" "What a fashionable call !" said Mrs. Bell. "Well, if you must go, call again, She smiled and shook hands. And me

and Kitty looked at each other as they descended to the street. "It doesn't seem like the same lady that was so sociable last summer." said ma. But I suppose, taking her meals out of the house, she couldn't sak as to lunch. and feit sehamed." "I hope she did," said Kitty, very red in

And they walked on to the Green's-a plain house, occupied by two families. The Green's live on the second floor. They mounted the stairs and knocked. The door was opened by a little girl of twelve. "Why, how do you do, dear?" said ma,

stooking to kiss her. "Don't you remember me. Fanny ?". "No, ma'am," responded the child.

"Is your ma in. Fanny?" asked Mrs. " No, ma'am." responded Fanny.

"Will she be in soon ?" "I don't know," replied the child They descended the stairs, and proceeded

to the Black's. A neat servant opened the door promptly. "Mrs. Black is out. Gone away for the day. Names, please?" Kitty handed her card, and as they went

sway, Mrs. Bloom remarked : "How sorry she will be, she was so fond of us all," and looked back at the house. peeping out of the second story window. "There, now," said ma, "the girl made a mistake. "Let's go back."

Ma-very serious by this time-obeyed.

"She hasn't." said Kitty. "Come on

Kitty yielded. The Budds' live near "the avenue." Their house is very elegant, and Mrs. her Saratoga trunk to the Blooms farmhouse, and stayed six weeks, it never occurred to her to sak them to occupy one of her fine bed-rooms for a night, or to remambe that they might need refreshment

She went to the outer door with them when they departed, and told them the have been "so good as to call," and seeme to like them very much; but Kitty cane her breath, and said to ma, where the

Budd's manner of greeting them is quite rest, just to take the opposite side of the affectionate; but it is past lunch time, and question into consideration and see how the not yet dinner time, and though she took | two positions fit together."

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sadly, and hurried to the depot. The train was gone. There was no other to Springville until nine o'clock; and there they sat, while the lights were lit, and parties went to and fro, and whistles screamed outside, and Kitty said to her mother, as one who

had just penetrated the mysteries of the human heart : "Ma, , believe those people did not come down to see us because they liked us, but just to get summer board for nothing."

And ma answered very sadly: "Why, Kitty? I want to know." "Yes, ma," said Kitty, "and if I were you, I'd use them exactly the same way if they ever came to see me again, and any

body else like them." To which ms auswered, mildly: "Why, Kitty, I couldn't do that if my life depended upon it. I wasn't brought up to do so. I suppose it comes of city

How Alcohol Affects the Heart. Dr. B. W. Richardson, of London, the noted physician, says he was recently able to convey a considerable amount of conviction to an intelligent scholar by a simple

experiment. The scholar was singing the praises of the "Ruddy Bumper," and say ing he could not get through the day with-"Will you be good enough to feel my ling.

pulse as I stand here ?" He did so. I said: Count it carefully what does it say?"

"Your pulse says seventy-four." I then sat down in a chair and asked him to count it again. He did so, and said : "Your pulse has gone down to seventy."

I then laid down on the lounge, and said Will you count it again ?" He replied : " Why, it is only sixty-four; what an extraordinary thing!" I then said: "When you lie down at

night, that is the way nature gives your heart rest. You know nothing about it but that beating organ is resting to that extent: and if you reckon it up it is a great deal of rest, because in lying down the heart is doing ten strokes less a minute. Multiply that by 60 and it is 600; multiply it by eight hours, and within a fraction it is higher branches." 5.000 strokes different; and as the heart is throwing six ounces of blood at every stroke, it makes a difference of 30,000 onnoes of lifting during the night. When I lie down at night without any alcohol that is the rest my heart gets. But when you take your wine or grog you do not allow that rest for the influence of alcohol is to increase the number of strokes, and instead of getting this rest, you put on something like 15,000 extra strokes, and the Mrs. Black (injudicious woman) is just result is you rise up very seedy and unfit for the next day's work till you have taken a little more of the 'ruddy bumper' which you say is the soul of man below." His wife acknowledged that this was perfectly true. He began to reckon up those figures, and found that it meant lifting up an ounce She insisted on going to the Budds', and so many hundred times, and the result was, he became a total abstainer with every benefit to his happiness. I would like those who take stimulants to give them-

Humorous.

A man of patience—the physician. A regular poser-The photographer.

The coral insect is a great reformer. In Mexico they plak strawherries people's postote every month in the ye A bachelor friend compares a phiri ton to lift because it so often hangs

(Christian Guardian.) On Wednesday, 4th inst., the Mayor of Brampton issued a proclamation prohibiting the ringing of bells, the blowing of horns, shouting and making other unseemly noises, causing unnecessary disturbance. The Lord's Army, against whom this was directed in that a gainst whom the was directed, on that account left all their instruments of music in their barracks, and quietly marched, singing hymns, where-upon the Mayor had seven of the men arrested and six of them fined \$5 each, or ten

Fer swearing, or for getting drunk, There is some show of reason. Their praise to Jesus bringing

France panished with the gr llotine, And Spain with Inquisition, Some other nations used the rack To bring men to submission. To criminals of various grades These were for justice bringing. Twas left for noble Brampton Town

To imprison men for singing. Men did their tongues employ
In singing songs of praise to God
When full of holy joy;
Two men in Phillippi, were told,
Whose backs with stripes were stinging, Yet even in jail were e'en so bold

As to break the peace by singing. Cheer up, then, Christian prison friends. While on the past a thinking, You know you were not jailed or fined For swearing or for drinking. There is a glorious land of light Where golden harps are ringing. Where martyrs, saints, and angels spend

Eternity in singing. And you, whom singing hurts so much, Can find a place to suit you, Where growns and howls of demon bands Will evermore salute you; Where lash of conscience will be falt. Like cruel scorpion stinging, In Apostelie times, we learn And shricks of wild despair be heard

Thoughts for Farmers

The time was when the poorest education was thought good enough for a farmer; now good; and, soon, it will be known that none

but the best is good enough. Pruning is a necessary evil, therefore it should never be done when not needed, nor neglected when it is needed.

An exhausted soil, like an exhausted bank account, will refuse to honor the drafts

The farmer who does not read the agricultural literature of the day, is apt to be narrow in his views, and shallow in his

practices. The sooner a rent or break is mended the less mending is peeded, and the less risk there will be of loss from such im-

pairment. None but a fool thinks he cannot learn

farmer largely independent of the weather. Parm machinery is often injured as much by exposure to the weather when not in use, as by wear when it is in use.

ing, will injure a wagon or machine, more than a week when properly oiled. Weeds are most easily and cheaply killed when just approaching above ground.

Somnambulism is believed to be an him conscious trance action. It is the feeblest moustache, as well as

People learn wisdom by experience. A. man never wakes up his second baby to see

A Zalu belle is like the proverbial prophet. She has not much on'er in her own A Baltimore swell went to a fancy dress

of himself. "What is wanted in this country," said presents, "is silver service reform. That

"Do you know!" asked a gentleman at licent than hens ?" "No." was the reply. "Because they are better posted in the

Many of the agricultural journals are or sets. If some editor of dignity would they sit on her, although the hen might sit on them by the hour if they would allow it." A man cannet set on the wash bench; but he could set the beain on it, and neither the beam nor the grantmarian would object. He could sit on the dog's tail if the dos were willing, or he might set his foot on it. But if he could not on the aforesaid tail, or sit his foot there, the grammariam as well as the dog would how! And yet strange saide and then si down, and not be assailed

A Practical Minister

Not long since the Bev. C. H. Spurgeon, taking for his text: Take no thought for the morrow, what we shall not of what you shall drink or inhomographical you shall be clothed," commenced his service by an pomoing the fact, the insured my life les

THE ARMY CASE IN BRAMPTON

days in jail.) When men are put in jail for theft. For murder or for treason, But when bad men formake their sins, It does seem rather hard to fine

Or jail them just for singing.

But not one word of singing.

it is believed that a good one is none too

Lumber, brick and stone are cheaper warming materials for live stock than hav and grain.

Brains are the cheapest fertilizer that can be employed on the farm. Underdraining and irritation make the

One hour's wear, when in need of greas-

Merry Ripples.

the sickliest child, that gets the most form

ball as a donkey and his friends say it is the first time he ever failed to make an ass

the bride as she examined the wedding set is plated." the bird show, "thy robins are more intel-

Does a Hen Set or Sit on a Nest. sorely troubled to know whether a hen site set a hen on the nest, and the editors would let her sit, it would be well for the world. Now a man, or weman either, can set a hen. although they cannot sit her, neither can

by either the dog or the grammarians.