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The average female summer boarders are great patrons of the drug store, and when they wrap their draperies about them and depart, they leave quite a supply, enough to last a small family all winter. True, the labels are of some of them, but they work just as well if only you shake them well before using. The keeping of summer boarders involves much work and care and anxiety, but it has its compensations.

We have one word of admonition for our neighbor, Sherman Stubbs. "Woodman, spare that tree." We have not cast our critical eye over his landscape, but speak on general principles. We went out once to look over a fine second growth maple to see about cutting it down. A neighbor came along and said, "Go slow please, about felling that tree, think it over well and remember it takes longer to grow a tree than to cut it down." We thought it over, and his words, "longer to grow a tree than to cut it down" kept ringing in our ears. When we were back there a year ago that maple was standing, full of life and vigor, fully fifteen inches in diameter and a magnificent tree. We were glad it was standing too. Of course we don't know neighbor Stubbs' idea, but the sound of the woodman's ax in our groves is an ominous one, and we don't like to hear it.

The County Fair.
Our county show reached the high water mark last week: the attendance, exhibits, receipts, and a good time generally being larger than ever before. The attendance Thursday reached the high figure of over 6,000 and the gate receipts some \$2,300, the best ever known. One of the best things, to our mind, was the satisfaction everyone felt and expressed, so that everybody feels kindly toward the fair and is ready to take hold next year and do the best for its success.

Some improvements can doubtless be made, and one is the banishing of fakirs of all kinds from the grounds, and then have the village council keep them outside the corporate limits during fair week. One of the best and most successful fairs in New England adopted, after much hesitation and many fears, this plan, and for some years not a fakir of any kind is allowed, and now the management could not be induced to go back to the old order of things. They have found that the best people of the community are the enthusiastic friends and supporters of the fair, while before they were luke warm, indifferent or opposed to it. It is really too bad to put cheap gambling devices before the boys and girls of the county for the possible sake of a few dollars in the treasury.

Inconsistency.
About a year ago or possibly a little more, a Chicago clergyman sent to this city and other suburbs along the north shore, a forerunner to prepare the way for organizing anti-saloon leagues. A little later and the clergyman himself came out and for some days exercised himself

zealously in collecting money. We had a little inking at that time where the scheme originated and what was behind it and therefore did not allow ourselves to be drawn into any conspicuous relation to it. Nevertheless we very studiously avoided doing or saying anything that could possibly hinder any honest effort against the liquor traffic from reaping its fullest fruition. We even accepted a very delightful (?) part of the work which was assigned to us, namely swearing out warrants against liquor sellers conducting business illegally.

Now we understand another effort is to be made among us along the same line. But there are two questions at this point which, to our mind, every one should ask himself. First what political and moral consistency is there in Christian people legalizing the saloons, taking the saloon keepers money and then organizing for the purpose of destroying the rum-sellers business? We tax the business and if the tax does not carry with it protection certainly it ought to do so.

Secondly, the people of Highland Park either want the saloon or they don't want it. If they don't want it they know how to keep clear of it without paying money to outsiders to come here and show them how.

A Good College.
As many of our readers know Rev. H. H. Thoren, formerly pastor in this city, is now president of his denominational school at Le Mars, Iowa, the Western Union college.

Le Mars had over 4,000 inhabitants in 1890 and has steadily increased in population during the last decade. It is in the last tier of countries on the western border of the state about 25 miles north of Sioux City. What is of prime importance is that the citizens of Le Mars are enthusiastic friends of the college as is shown by their zeal in raising funds for a new building and their determination to make the school a success, a blessing and honor to their city.

Every body here knows Dr. Thoren's zeal and enthusiasm as well as his rare practical talent as an administrator of affairs. He has a capable and level head and his election to the presidency of that college is proof of wise and successful management. He has also, what so many in these days deem a first qualification of a college president,—the ability to raise money. Even those patient artisans of old, the Hebrews in Egypt, could not make first class bricks without straw, but if there was any straw in Goshen they would get it. So Dr. Thoren may not be able to raise money where there is none, but if there is any in Iowa—and there are millions of it—he will get it, that is "dead sure," and if any of the thrifty denizens of that state expect to say to him when he calls on them, "shoo fly," we will just say, you can't "shoo" away Dr. Thoren empty handed: He means business and will secure it too for your profit as well as his own.

But now, his call is for students, and he will get them and they with the Doctor and his associates will make a successful college. They would say that Mark Hopkins of Williams College sitting on one end of a log and James A. Garfield, who graduated at Williams, sitting on the other end, constituted a university, and they did. Dr. Thoren is in Le Mars on one end of the log, he asks for bright young men and women to go and sit on the other end and they will make the Western Union College a success. Young men and women don't leave the Doctor there alone, there is room on his log for all of you.

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