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BY THE GATE OF THE SEA

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CHAPTER V.—CONTINUED.

This resolution was not arrived at in a hurry, and it took him an hour or two to put himself into the new mental attitude necessary to its acceptance.

When he had succeeded he went home and awaited Mrs. Tregarthen's return, intending a serious conference and a perfect understanding. When he took her back to confidence there should be no lingering doubt in his mind.

He sat a long time silent and alone, and there came into his mind the too delicate commendations bestowed upon Miss Churchill by the Captain and his cousin, the Lieutenant.

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The man retired, and Tregarthen sat down by the fire, and drew the lamp closer, and opened the envelope.

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TEMPERANCE.

A GLASS OF WINE.

The Fatal Wine Resulting from the Willful Spirit of a Thoughtless Girl.

As I was coming up the Hudson with a small party of friends a few summers ago, an incident occurred which impressed me so deeply that I write it out for the benefit of the readers of the Christian at Work.

It was July, hot and dusty, but as yet there had not come that intense heat and drought that parches the earth and causes the verdant forest and meadow to grow brown and bare.

We took the day boat to Albany, and all day long breathed the delicious air and feasted our eyes on the ever-varying landscape. A large proportion of the passengers were ladies, many of whom were seeking rest and quietude in the country.

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OHIO DEMOCRACY.

An Occasion for Severe and Hearty Root-and-Branch Work.

The offense of the political methods of Ohio Democrats is "rank and snells to heaven." These methods are an outrage upon party allegiance.

The management of Democratic interests in Ohio—and especially the Cincinnati influence in that management—has been in bad odor for years.

Every since the malign element which was content to leave Allen G. Thurman in retirement, and which conspired for the defeat of George H. Pendleton, became potent in state politics, the tendency of the Democratic policy in Ohio has been steadily downward.

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REPUBLICAN SPLINTERS.

Let the Ohio Investigation go.

No whitewash is wanted, only the frozen truth. The Democracy of the Union, as well as Ohio, has never been satisfied with the way Pendleton was defeated.

Mr. Senter of Ohio has introduced into the House of Representatives a bill for the repeal of the Civil Service law. Of course there is no prospect of passing such a bill while the Republicans have the Senate.

It does not become General Butler or General Vest to oppose the admission of Dakota. If justice is done, South Dakota will be admitted as a state, and the remaining portions of the Territory named "Lincoln," in accordance with the recommendation of the Senate at the last session.

We repeat, therefore, that if there were real, substantial, hearty, honesty in the country, and not a miserable, flabby, spineless east and mock, there would be an expression of indignation from every quarter that would drive Secretary Whitney from the place he has degraded and debased.

Governor Hill declares that those who expect him to antagonize President Cleveland will be disappointed. He is not so ungrateful, in other words, as to do an injury to a man who has given one thousand dollars to promote his election, in spite of the fact that he was running on a platform of square opposition to the leading policy and purpose of the Administration.

It was foreseen by reflecting Democrats that no permanent strength was to be added to the Democratic cause by the Mugwump revolt. Parties gain nothing of an enduring value by the accession of voters who join with them on any other ground than an agreement in fundamental principles.

Due time, and a very brief time, should be given to Senator Payne to answer himself beyond shadow of doubt, the Senate as a body, not as individuals, in the matter. It cannot do otherwise. A Senate which absorbs or tolerates a tainted member becomes tainted itself. And a tainted Senate can not long exist in a free country.

Early in John Sherman's Congressional career he lost his temper for the first and last time, so far as any of his legislative associates know. It was while he was a member of the lower House and during one of his speeches against slavery. He said something which he thought was a bold and daring remark, but the official reporter did not repeat it.

Mr. Cleveland's declaration that he will give no reasons for his appointments places him in the same attitude assumed by Falstaff when explaining to Poins and Prince Henry his memorable encounter with the knives in buckram. Having stated that the night was so dark he could not see his hand, Falstaff added in the same breath that he was assailed by "knives in Kendal green."

Mr. Cleveland would no doubt claim that he could "render most excellent reasons" for removing certain officials and filling the vacancies. He would say that he was "able to see the merits of the public service and the scandal of his pretensions as a reformer. Reasons may be as plenty as blackberries," but Mr. Cleveland will not "on compulsion" state how it is that legal reasons are so scarce.

The President secured his scanty majority in the decisive States by reason of promises made by his supporters, and the belief entertained by many voters that he would try to give the country a non-partisan civil service and an administration on business principles. A promise of the kind is a very serious one, and it is not to be taken lightly.

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