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The plain juice of the pineapple is recommended as a sure cure for the diphtheria. It has been in use for years in the south, and wonderful tales are told of its efficacy. Chicago people have been making experiments with the remedy, and find that it does possess a remarkable power in cutting away the diphtheria mucus. The remedy is simple and entirely harmless.—*State Journal.*

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Alone With His God and Pencil.

The question is often asked why so many people favor the Australian system of voting. We can answer this interrogatory in a few words. It leaves the voter alone with his God and pencil. No man can tell the result of an election where men can vote untrammelled by outside influences. Large corporations and small firms, as well, are given to prevailing upon their employees to vote their way. If the employee is stubborn and votes his sentiments, there is usually a coolness existing between the employer and the employee forever afterward. It is useless to say that this should not be. The question is not what should be, but what is.

When men are left alone with their God and pencil, the result of their meditations are always for the better. Good is always resultant from it. Designing and shyster politicians know this full well, and this is the secret of the opposition to this method of conducting elections.—*Kearney Hub.*

How it Works.

Ex-Congressman John S. Wise reached the city Saturday, ruddy-faced and good natured, from a two weeks' hunting trip in his old home in Virginia, says the New York *Star*. As usual he had a story to tell which he had heard in Washington, and whether new or not will bear repeating. It is a Mahone story said Mr. Wise. It is to the effect that during Mr. Mahone's recent canvass a darkey was asked to make a speech for Mahone. He did so. 'Bredern,' said he, 'I had a dream las' night. I dreamed dat I died an' went to Heben. Wen I cum to de place I knocked on de do', an' St. Peter opened it.' "Who am yo'?" he axed. "Sam Johnsing," says I. Den says St. Peter: "Am yo' a ridin' or am yo' on fut?" "On fut," says I. "Den yo' kain't cum in," says he, "no one ken cum inter Heben onless he's on hossback.'. I felt pretty bad, I tell yo', bredern, an' I turned aroun' to go back, wen who should I meet but Marse Mahone. "Whar's yo' gwine?" I axed him. "To Heben," says Marse Mahone. I says, says I, "No use of yo' goin' dar, fur yo' kain't git in. St. Peter ain't gwine to let anybody in onless he's a-ridin'.' Marse Mahone he stopped and he thinked for a minit. Den he says: "I tole yo' wat we'll do, Sam. I'se small an' youse big. Yo' git down on yo' hans and feet an' I git on yo' back. We'll ride up to Heben, an' bof of us will git in. Down I gits, an' he gits on my back, an' we gits to Heben's do'. Marse Mahone, he knocks, an' St. Peter says, "Who's dar?" "William Mahone of Virginny," says Marse Mahone. "Am yo, a ridin' or am yo' on fut?" says St. Peter. "Ise ridin'," says Marse Mahone. Den says St. Peter: "Tie yo' hoss outside de do' an' come in." So dat's de way it's a gwine, bredern—de niggah always gits lift jist on de outside'."

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Overcome by its faith to the power of God's might.

Said a late speaker: "If, my fellow-citizens, we are to maintain our civil institutions, we must close, by law, the bar-rooms that we have opened by law, and thus diminish the temptations that pollute our elections with purchasable ballots."

PROHIBITION A PERMANENT PRINCIPLE.

An editorial in the *Independent* draws some interesting conclusions from the defeat in Pennsylvania: The press very generally treats the result as the doom of prohibition. Prohibition is beaten in Pennsylvania; we grant that. We grant also that it has been beaten in several other states; but these do not settle the fate of prohibition, the principle of prohibition. That principle is in force in several states and will be in force in other states in good time. Pennsylvania and Massachusetts are not ready for it at present. That is all. The principle is just as sound as it ever was; wherever public sentiment will permit it to be applied, it is also effective. A sound principle and an effective system cannot be "doomed" even by a defeat like that in Pennsylvania. The time will come when law will close all the saloons in Pennsylvania. It has already closed thousands; it is therefore already prohibiting in a degree. Those who scout the principle of prohibition are pronouncing against the principle of restriction. Restriction is partial prohibition; it contains the germ of the full fledged principle. Restriction is good where prohibition cannot be fully applied; but restriction must become more and more restrictive in order to achieve permanent success. The Brooks Act has done great things; but watch and see if its effectiveness continues for any great length of time. Watch and see if, in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, that there be not a gradual increase of laxity in the enforcement of the law. The point we wish to make is that prohibition is a permanent principle while license is not.

The lesson for temperance men in the Pennsylvania defeat we have already hinted at. Do not ask for submission until you are ready for it. Adopt for the present other methods leading up to that. Local option by counties is the most effective of these. Submission in New York or New Jersey would be of no use just now. County local option would. We need not be discouraged. We had 243,000 votes for absolute prohibition in Pennsylvania. That is a large and very powerful minority, and there is this to be said about it: It was made up of the very choicest elements, christian, moral, intelligent, in the state. In the long run these will win.

Straw vs. Twine.

Scientific American.

Early last spring the Illinois state grange, through its executive committee, and seeking relief from the extortions of the twine trust, offered ten thousand dollars for a successful and practical machine or attachment to bind grain with straw.

For the information of the general public the following report is submitted by the executive committee:

We received applications from persons wishing to compete for this prize from every state and territory in the Union, also from Canada and Scotland. The committee met August 20th, and for three days carefully looked over and minutely examined the models, drawings and specifications then submitted by forty inventors, many of the models showing much thought and inventive genius. July 8th had been intended as a day of field trial of straw binders, under this offer, but at this time not a single machine was ready for field work, and only one working model of full size. However, as letters and applications continued to arrive daily, on this important invention, the August meeting was adjourned without action, and a final meeting was held October 29th and 30th, when the committee decided that the full-sized model above mentioned filled the bill, under the offer, and accordingly tendered the ten thousand dollars. The inventor, however, declined to deed his straw-binding device to the state grange for this amount of money, having had much larger offers for his machine and its patents. We have seen this machine bind grain, and it does the work much finer and better than can be done with straw hands by hand. It has an extra attachment for short straw or grain, that can be set in motion by the foot of the driver. This binder seems perfect in all its parts, more simple and easy to operate than the twine binder. The knotter is not as delicate in construction, yet does not take up more room, and is not as heavy as the twine binder. We consider this a matter of great importance to all grain-raising farmers, for they will not hereafter be subject to the trusts and combines of the twine men, having plenty of binding material right at hand on the farm.

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