The Women's Crusade.

When the women of Ohio began their assault upon the liquor shops, almost everybody supposed the movement would be nothing more than the fleeting excitement of an hour. The ladies would parade the street, and assemble in the churches, and sing hymns, and raise their voices in prayer; would carry about the pledge for signatures, and thrust the pencil into trembling and beery hands; would keep little towns and villages in turmoil for a few days, and exact all sorts of impossible promises from unwilling sinners; but we were not to expect a practical result from such extraordinary and irregular proceedings. Even if the women were stout enough of heart to withstand the jeers, and insults, and brutal remaks that would certainly assail them, and vigorous enough in body to endure the long watch of prayer, hour after hour, day after day, from early morn till the night was far spent, the time must soon come when the spiritual excitement that inspired the crusade would die away, to be followed by the inevitable reaction. But two months have now passed, and the women are more earnest than ever. Driven out of the bar-rooms they kneel in the muddy streets; which may be cleaner after all than sanded floors bestrewn with the refuse of conviviality. They mind neither the cold winds nor the pelting rain. All manner of engines of defense have been brought up against them without avail. Here an unregenerate saloon-keepers throws snuff into the midst of the praying band. There an irate ruffian assaults them with a poker. Vulgar caricatures are displayed in the shop windows. Coarse jests are heard as the crusaders march through the streets. The law is invoked to prevent trespass upon private premises and interference with legal occupations; and in this part of the defense it is important to notice that the wholesale liquor dealers are helping the rum-shop keepers with money. Nevertheless the crusade goes on, and the roll of victory lengthens every day.

It is apparent that we have all underrated the strength of a woman's enthusiasm and devotion. The generous and Christian impulses are something more than outbursts of sentiment; they are important forces in the government of society. If the Ohio temperance movement can be guided with reasonable discretion, it may regenerate the whole region. It will not, of course, destroy intemperance, and probably it will not permanently check the sale of liquor; but it may make drinking more disreputable, and save thousands of men whose case is not yet hopeless.—*New York Tribune.*

A Lunatic Ball.

In the recent annual ball at the Lunatic Asylum at New Haven, Ct., twenty couples took the floor, ranged in two lines, facing each other, and stood still in profound silence waiting the music. In this party the strangeness of the performers was most apparent. The men wore a look upon their faces of such resolution as one would expect on that of a brave man brought face to face with some terrible danger. The women were more wandering in their glances; but nearly all were serious, too. The music burst forth, and a simultaneous movement followed; all sorts of movements, some cultivated steps, but for the most part a mere violent shuffling exercise. Directly they all seemed to have forgotten that they had partners, and settled down into dancing. There was some peculiarity about every individual, but in every one was observable a sort of ecstacy. One girl, with wild, dark eyes, and her black hair hanging loosely around her neck, would occasionally pause, as if trying to recollect where she had acted such a part in other scenes, but, glancing at the company all engaged around her, she would resume her motions. Some of them kept their gaze fixed on the ceiling, turning neither to the right nor to the left; others kept a watch upon their feet, which, to their bewildered minds, were perhaps going sadly astray. Very soon the organization lost shape; the original partners had wandered hopelessly away from each other. But, with instinctive gallantry on one side, and gentle acquiescence on the other, the men swung and twirled whichever lady happened to be within reach at the moment when they thought the music indicated "swing your partner."

Use of Cats' Whiskers.

Every one has observed the whiskers of a cat; but few, perhaps, dream that they serve any valuable end. The following passage will prove the contrary:

"Every one must have observed what are usually called the whiskers on a cat's upper lip. The use of these in a state of nature is very important. They are organs of touch. They are attached to a bed of close glands under the skin, and each of these long and stiff hairs is connected with the nerves of the lip. The slightest contact of these whiskers with any surrounding object, is thus felt most distinctly by the animal, although the hairs are themselves insensible. They stand out on each side in the lion, as well as in the common cat; so that, from point to point, they are equal to the width of the animals body. If we imagine, therefore, a lion stealing through a covert of wood, in an imperfect light, we shall at once see the use of these long hairs. They indicate to him, through the nicest feeling, any obstacle which may present itself to the passage of this body; they prevent the rustle of boughs and leaves, which would give warning to his pray, if he were to attempt to pass through too close a bush; and thus, in conjunction with the soft cushions of his feet, and the fur upon which he treads (the retractile claws never coming in contact with the ground), they enable him to move toward his victim with a stillness greater even than that of the snake, who creeps along the grass, and is not perceived till he is coiled round his pray.

Isothermal Lines.

These lines, as their name indicates, are lines of equal temperature, and vary greatly from the lines representing the latitude of different localities. It would naturally be supposed that localities situated at the same distance north or south of the equator would be of the same average temperature throughout the year, but an examination of a map on which isothermal lines are represented will show a remarkable variation. Take the isothermal line of forty degrees of animal temperature. It runs through the southern part of the Gulf of St. Lawrepce, thence south of Iceland and through the center of Scandinavia. It is as warm on the western coast of Europe as it is on the eastern coast of the United States, 600 or 800 miles further south. Grains will ripen in these latitudes in this ratio. A similar statement is true of the west portion of the United States. Take the parallel of fifty degrees of equal annual temperature—it runs by Albany, the south shore of Lake Erie, through Northern Illinois, then northward to Northern Oregon and away to Puget's Sound, hundreds of miles further north than it is on the eastern side.—*Detroit Free Press.*

A Dark Picture.

Mr. Disraeli draws the following dark picture of Ireland at the present time:

I have made a note of the provisions of the Coercion act, which were extended by the Lord Lieutenant in 1870, and have been extended subsequently, so that now, I believe, they apply to eleven-twelfths of the whole country. In the first place, persons out at night under suspicious circumstances may be arrested by any constable. Secondly, strangers sojourning in a district may be arrested by a constable, brought before a magistrate and examined as to their mode of livelihood, and their object in being in such district, and unless their answers are satisfactory, or they can produce persons to find security for their good behavior, they may be sent to jail. Thirdly, newspapers may be warned, and afterward become forfeited. Fourthly, the sale of gunpowder and arms is subjected to stringent rules. Fifthly, grand juries are authorized to present moneys to be levied for payment of compensation to persons whose relatives have been murdered, or to persons who have been themselves injured. That was in the year 1870. In 1871 this stringent measure of coercion was not found adequate. A supplementary bill was brought in and passed into an act, and this Peace Preservation act was continued till the year 1873. And in 1873 it was proposed, and successfully proposed, to continue these acts until the year 1875; and Ireland at this moment, I believe I may say, is governed by these laws, which in severity—I am not saying that the severity is not necessary; I refrain from entering on any question of that kind—but is governed by laws of coercion and stringent severity that do not exist in any other quarter of the globe. Well, then, is it not perfectly absurd to pretend to talk of the tranquility of Ireland, where a man cannot go out into his garden after dinner and look at the stars or see which way the wind blows without the risk of being arrested by a policeman?

Religious Items.

The Baptists in New Hampshire have eighty-five churches, containing an aggregate membership of 8,096.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South is to convene in Louisville, Ky., in May next.

The church choirs in Boston are said to cost the sum of $142,000 annually, a sum sufficient to comfortably support 100 missionaries.

The church property in the city of New York is valued at $48,000,000. The church buildings of the various denominations number 359.

The statistics of the Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church show a net increase for the last year of 716 members and eleven churches.

The Baptist Missionary Union is now in the last quarter of the financial year, and unless $168,000 are raised before April 1, the treasury will be in debt.

The salaries of the Bishops in the Methodist Episcopal Church aggregate the sum of $50,000 per annum, with the addition of about $5,000 for traveling expenses.

Rev. Dr. Stratton, of the Methodist Church, has been talking temperance statistics on the largest scale. Clergymen cost $12,000,000 yearly; criminals, $40,000,000 (rather a low estimate if we include rings); lawyers, $80,000,000; intoxicating drinks, $700,000,000. The city of New York invests $65,000,000 in manufactures, $90,000,000 in seventy-one banks, and $200,000,000 in the liquor business.

Effects of Worry.

A writer in *Chambers' Journal* says: That the effects of worry are more to be dreaded than those of simple hard work, is evident from noting the class of persons who suffer most from the effects of mental overstrain. The case-book of the physician shows that it is the speculator, the betting man, the railway manager, the great merchant, the superintendent of large manufactories or commercial works, who most frequently exhibit the symptoms of cerebral exhaustion. Mental cares accompanied by suppressed emotion, occupations liable to great vicissitudes of fortune, and those which involve the bearing on the mind of a multiplicity of intricate details, eventually break down the lives of the strongest. In estimating what may be called the staying powers of different minds under hard work, it is always necessary to take early training into account. A young man, cast suddenly into a position involving great care and responsibility, will break down; whereas, had he been gradually habituated to this position, he would have performed its duties without difficulty. It is probably for this reason that the professional classes generally suffer less from the effects of overstrain than others. They have had a long course of preliminary training, and their work comes to them by degrees; therefore, when it does come in excessive quantity it finds them prepared for it. Those, on the other hand, who suddenly vault into a position requiring severe mental toil generally die before their time.

Oatmeal.

Americans are gradually waking up to the fact that oatmeal is by no means an unimportant article of diet. As a food, the merits of which have stood the test of centuries, and which is calculated to promote the sanitary interests of the nation by laying the foundation of more hardy and vigorous constitutions for the coming generation, let us regard its general adoption as an article of diet as nothing short of a national good. Its phosphorescent qualities act as a gentle and healthy stimulant to the brain, and on no other food can one endure so great or so prolonged mental labor as on oatmeal porridge. Properly cooked, it is not only a most healthful and nutritious food, but it is decidedly palatable, as is fully attested by its wonderfully rapid adoption as a popular diet by the very fastidious palates of our American people.

A Professor of Felony.—A Professor of Felony was recently arrested in Cincinnati. His name was John Carney, and a manuscript was found on him entitled a "Lecture on Thieves," with a schedule of prices for 100 lessons, as follows: For highwaymen, $15; robbers, $20; footpads, $9; pickpockets, $90; shop-lifters, $200; panel thieves, $150; burglars, $500; confidence men, $1,000; garroters, $50; till-tappers, $25; counter-hoppers, $12; hotel thieves, $6; train robbers, $5,000. The Professor also proposed to show clerks the way to rob their employers and square it up on their books."

A Lesson for Americans.

Mr. Joseph Medill, ex-Mayor of Chicago, writing from Paris to the *Tribune*, of the former city, speaks of the economy of the French. He says:

"But that in which the French more particularly excel is economy. Compared with these French people the Americans are wasteful, improvident, and extravagant. It seems to me they live on just about one-half what the Americans do. They have a knack, so to speak, of making a little go a great way, and of extracting subsistence or comfort from things Americans would throw away or never notice.

It may be instructive to point out a few of the matters to which reference is here made. In the first place, not an ounce of food is wasted in harvesting or preparing for market. In the next place, not an ounce more of vegetable flesh, fish, or fowl, groceries or liquids, than is really needed, ever goes into the pot or kettle, or is placed on the table. The wife of every French family knows to a nicety what quantity of each kind of food is the least that will suffice to make a comfortable meal, and not a particle more than that is cooked or served. There are no slop-buckets full of broken victuals left on the table after breakfast or dinner, to be thrown on the street or manure-heap, or flung to the dogs or swine, as in America. No pieces of bread or meat or vegatables are thrown away; such quantities are not bought as to become stale or spoiled in the cellar or pantry. Servants are never permitted to waste or steal food for poor relations, as in America. The lady of the house looks after the marketing, her kitchen, and her pantry with sharp eyes and unflagging care.

The economy in the consumption of fuel for cooking and house-warming is immense as compared with that in our wasteful country. One reason, of course, is that wood and coal in France are scarce and dear. They cost at least double the price paid therefor in the United States; but the domestic consumption is not one-quarter as much. Paris contains between four and five times the population of Chicago; but, I find that the fuel consumed in it is less than in Chicago. It is true that the climate is much warmer for six months of the year in Paris than in Chicago; but after making the due allowance for that it still remains true that only one-third to two-fifths as much fuel is consumed *per capita* in Paris as in Chicago; and, as far as my observation and inquiries extend, the same proportion holds good throughout all France."

Disreali's Victory.

The change of Government through which Great Britain is now passing, although attended by many picturesque and exciting circumstances, is not likely to be followed by any important or far-reaching consequences. The Liberal party has suffered a great defeat. The Liberal leader has been reduced, perhaps permanently, to the ranks. But it is difficult to see in what the liberal tendencies of England have met with any serious check. The questions upon which this canvass was conducted had little deep political significance. Mr. Gladstone went before the country standing upon the surplus in the Treasury and promising the abolition of the income tax. He asked from the people a repetition of the vote of confidence in his Government which he had recently received from the House of Commons, and the voters failed to give it. This puts the Conservatives for the time being into power, but they do not assume the responsibilities of the administration burdened with any commitments or definite policy. Thousands of people voted against the Liberal candidates merely because they were tired of Mr. Gladstone. Ordinary human nature is so constituted that the contemplation of high moral excellence excites an emotion not entirely devoid of fatigue. Mr. Gladstone was too serious and too irreproachable to serve forever as a popular leader in a free nation. But his defeat does not prove that the party which has overthrown him has won a permanent victory. They defeated him once before, within a year. But the accidental character of the defeat was so evident that Mr. Disraeli expressly refused to take up the reins he had struck from the hands of the great Liberal. He knew that he could not govern with the present Parliament, and he was clearly not ready to appeal to the country. When Parliament was dissolved the act was denounced as a trick of Gladstone's, and the general feeling of resentment against him no doubt contributed somewhat to his defeat.—*New York Tribune.*

A Plea for the House-Dog.

A correspondent of the *Maine Farmer* speaks these good words for the house-dog: "What hard-working farmer, on returning at night to rest his weary limbs, does not feel that he is more safe from burglars, and his stock, fowls and orchards more secure from thieves and midnight prowlers, both two and four-legged, if he has a good, faithful dog about his premises? What good housewife—and all such prefer leaving their hard day's work on the clothes-line during the dews of night—does not feel that her clothes are more safe if Bose is in the yard? When the little ones are off berrying, fishing, or wandering in the woods, what parent does not feel less anxious if Bose is with them? When you are absent from home over-night, do you not feel that home is more secure if Bose guards the premises—and who greets your return with a more cheerful welcome than he? From the earliest period of history the dog has been the faithful companion of man, and is the only species of the brute creation that will forsake its own species and follow him. A dog may be taught to be useful in many ways, even to the saving of human life. You can easily learn a dog to go into the water and bring out a stick, your hat or coat, and by filling a suit of your boy's clothes with straw, and throwing it into the river, your dog will bring it out; and if your little boy should accidentally fall into the water, Bose would soon safely land him on the shore.

Glass from Granite.—The Baltic *Journal* reports that there exists near several cities of Finland a kind of granite, called there Cupseivi, of which the composition is this: Silica, 74 per cent.; feldspar, 12; oxide of iron, 3: lime, 1; alkalies, with traces of magnesia, 9. This being evidently a good compound to make glass, the first experiment was consequently made by melting 500 parts granite and 200 parts limestone, and a white glass was obtained. The second experiment was made with 20 granite, 150 lime, and 75 of soda. This glass was more fusible, and at the same time harder. Both kinds were blown without difficulty, at a bright red heat, while a dark glass was made by the addition of 70 parts of sulphate of lime or potash, and 7 parts of carbon.

Of 908 births in Hartford in one year, 702 were of Irish parentage.

The Pulse.

A healthful, grown person's pulse beats seventy times in a minute; there may be good health down to sixty; but if the pulse always exceeds seventy, there is a disease—the machine is working too fast; it is wearing itself out; there is a fever or inflammation somewhere, and the body is feeding on itself, as in consumption, when the pulse is quick—that is, over seventy—gradually increasing with decreased chances of cure until it reaches one hundred and ten or one hundred and twenty, when death comes before many days. When the pulse is over seventy for months, and there is a slight cough, the lungs are affected. Every intelligent person owes it to himself to learn from his family physician how to ascertain the pulse in health; then, by comparing it with what it was when ailing, he may have some idea of the urgency of his case, and it will be an important guide to the physician. Parents should know the healthy pulse of each child, as now and then a person is born with a peculiarly slow or fast pulse, and the very case in hand may be that peculiarity. An infant't pulse is one hundred and forty; a child of seven, about eighty! and from twenty to sixty years it is seventy beats a minute, declining to sixty at four-score. There are pulses all over the body, but where there are only skin and bone, as at the temples, it is most easily felt.

A Second Father Matthew.—Who is there that does not respect the memory of Father Matthew, the great champion of temperance? Innumerable societies bear his honored name; but there is one man who has struck a more sure death-blow to intemperance, and that man is Dr. J. Walker, an old California physician, who has discovered in nature's "meek and lowly herbs," a medicinal "tonic" and gentle stimulant that completely takes the place of the fashionable alcoholic poisons called "tonics," so popular as a compromise between strong drink and cold water, and does away with the mania for drink, and in reality cultivates an involuntary disgust for the same. It even does more. It acts upon the entire physical system, purifies the blood and produces hale, hardy health. The discoverer of this great medicinal stimulant is surely entitled to the thanks of a whole nation, and it is not extravagant to entitle him "a second Father Matthew." 33

In an essay at the recent meeting of the Iowa Horticultural Society at Iowa City, on "Necessity of Forest Culture in Iowa," Dr. Humphrey, of Illinois, said Minnesota has three-tenths more, Illinois twice, Indiana and Missouri three times more timber than Iowa. The coal-fields of Iowa embasce 2,400 square miles, and exceed those of Pennsylvania.

There were $20,000,000 expended last in year passage money between this country and Great Britain.

A Wrong Custom Corrected.

It is quite generally the custom to take strong liver stimulants for the cure of liver complaint, and both the mineral and vegetable kingdoms have been diligently searched to procure the most drastic and poisonous purgatives, in order to produce a powerful effect upon the liver, and arouse the lagging and enfeebled organ. This system of treatment is on the same principle as that of giving a weak and debilitated man large portions of brandy to enable him to do a certain amount of work. When the stimulant is withheld, the organ like the system, gradually relapses into a more torpid or sluggish and weakened condition than before. What then is wanted? Medicines, that, while they cause the bile to flow freely from the liver, as that organ is toned into action, will not overwork and thus debilitate it, but will, when their use is discontinued, leave the liver strengthened and healthy.

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