CITY LYRICS.

What is so rare as a day in June
When tramps and hucksters are in tune?
When men with strawberries to sell
Play tunes upon the front-door bell!

When sultry midnight's drowsy noon Behoes the herce mosquito's tune; From restless sleep he bids you come, And softly sing: "Are you to hum?"

When, oft as day's long heat is o'er The cockroach skims along the floor; When in the door-frame snugly pressed The mud-wasp builds her clay-ribbed no

When on the trees, so rosy sweet, The early cherries say: "Come, eat And long before the set of sun s est them, every one. When on the clover sward you of

By heat and tennis sore oppressed, You rise with glad and sweet surprise. The bee beneath the clover its. When loitering down the shaded lane, The meadow's fragrant sreath to gain, You pause, embarrassed, as you stray— A mad-dog meets you'n the way.

Where everything with feet and wings
That crawls and tickles, bites and stings,
Creeps out of egg, nest and cocoon—
What is so rare as some days in June?
—R. J. Burdelle, in Brooklyn Engle.

#### ON THE PRAIRIE.

drawing the curtains, and shutting out the house stool

loved ones in the West.

rustled drearily in the fierce south, most touched it.

was fire. Suddenly one of the children

I saw mother's face grow whi "Can it be a prairie fire, and a such a day." she exclaimed, flying to all upper window for a better view. Silently we crowded around her, wat thing the dark cloud that widened every instant, and was driving toward us with fright-

After a brief survey mether turned "you have had a lonely time; but where away, saying: "It is a prairie fre! We is Sadie?"
must fight it, my children best we "I don't know, mamma," he an-

frightened chorus. There were six of us. Will, a delicate Nell and I, Dora, a de of fifteen.

for I, in my ignorance, could not guess.

"Now, boys!" a cried, "harness the horses to the warm and lift the plow in. We will go the south side of the farm and do that we can. We will take off our course dresses, Dora," she minutes she opened her heavy eyes and and long the becomes insupportable.

Consume the ward, what cry awoke the baby, and she and form and self-reliant. He clings, to be sure, but it is not for support. We never yet heard of a fly who was not fully able to support himself. And yet he soon becomes insupportable.

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injunctions to the chil-

reached the southern edge When , the panting horses were the plow. We expected exclaimed as he entered. few furrows and set a backt the fiery flood pouring down it in the ground, and jumped

ad-all this time the fire was rushing Already the air began to be tilled cinders. Mother grew desperate. haps I cae hold it. You drive the horses, make them by, for everything depends | colored and burned on them !"

clinging desperates to the plow, now holding it with all he scanty strength, face told the story before my trembling then being half dragget behind it when, lips.

"Is she much disfigured?" she falthrown out, it slid over the grass, jerked fur ously along by the trantic borses which Jamie guided and Will "No," I answered, "the fire spared whipped.

ing to catch the first glimpse of the ad- grain of comfort, "and we thought she vancing flames. They had just retitined must have suffocated before the fire to the starting-point, leaving four fer- reached ber; for there had been no rows a ragged line behind them, when I saw a tongue of fame, and then another and another flash out through the dense smoke which had now rolled up but a mile away, and screaming : "Here it comes!" scrambled from my perch and ran with the news to mother. then again came the blessing of secon-She and Will had seen it, and stood sciousness; and for a few ours she looking in each other's faces with frightened, despairing eyes, but only for an instant.

"Turn the horses loose, boys!" she cried: "and, Dora, give me the matches and help me start a back-fire; you brought the matches, didn't you, child?" she exclaimed, seeing my look of dismay as I thrust my hand into my pocket and brought it out empty again.

Turn the horses loose, boys!" she came, that they were very kind; and that before they left, little Sadie was laid to sleep beneath the white lilac that had been brought from the old home in the East.

Our neighbors showed their sympathy in our desolation with the hearty good-"Turn the horses loose, boys!" she

Our house stood alone in the midst of knew the mad streamth of our foe, and here, for instance, is Mr. Garrison, who, to everybody's as onishment, has to my mother, I dare say, and though stood the fierce beat, and it was not just made an assignment. So far as

fancy when alone of closing the doors, plowed ground, in the midst of which

Father wasted no time in fancies or regrets. A mortgage had swallowed up the old homestead, and thankful ne lived in a land where such an alternative was possible, he devoted head and the live was possible, he devoted head and the lived in a land wasted in a land where such an alternative was possible, he devoted head and the lived in a land wasted in a land wasted in a land wasted in the country or the world. They are all agood umbrella like that on the public one condition. Take other cases: those of the largest fortunes in the country or the world. They are all necessarily hard workers. Their wealth one copy has been sent to the People's then found it, do you?"

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our new house. Like those of our few er's presention in the matter of dress, fact, not much exaggeration in the sayneighbors, it was a small, unpainted we must certainly have been enveloped ing that in many of such cases the meighbors, it was a small, unpainted dwelling, built very economically, with as few angles as possible, looking—mother used to say—"like an upturned dry-goods box."

The summer had been delightful, and the dry season, which prevails to a greater or less extent nearly every year, came too late to damage the growing crops materially; but it dried up the shallow water-courses and parched the rank grass dry and brown, so that it rustled drearily in the fierce south.

We n'ust certainly have been enveloped in flames. Our shoes became so that they brined our feet. Yet nearer and net the greedy fire ate its way. We qualled it in one direction only to have it steel upon us from another, while the war from our swollen eyes ran over car smoke-begrimmed faces, which, 'lke our hands, were burned almost to blistering. But when the fire had subsided our stack still stood, though surrounded by a blackened line which almost touched it.

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to my babies now," she added. "Poor une. rushed in, exclaiming: "I see a black father, this will be a sad home-coming!" -cloud of smoke off in the south!" "Ah, how sad we little dreamed!

We opened the door upon a pitiful

cried mother.

boy of thirteen; ten-year-o'd Jamie, a mamma! you don't s'pose she's got It is therefore the more wonderful that burned up, do you?" he added, asking he should spring into existence out of my and Sadie-pregions Sadie!-baby with childish frankness the question apparent nothingness. But that is which was knocking at all our hearts. Mother did not an er us. She was bustling about making preparations, gathering up ar a mful of woollen clothes from the so on the wall, what cry awoke the baby, and she and Tom-

take cff our come dresses, Pora," she minutes she opened her heavy eyes and added, "and so on our flannel ones, sprang to her feet, but sank back from general belief of children that he grows my ole 'oman thinks I'm so sharp I utier exhaustion.

Frightenes and silence we obeyed, run! search everywhere!" she cried, mother we get the cloths in the water wildly. "Go! go!"

As she stopped speaking, I heard the urer of window-glass who should patent thud of hoofs. Father had seen the a process for making panes that would smoke, and leaving the wagon and one not produce or nourish flies would make horse, had galloped home on the other. a fortune out of it. We do not believe,

No one told him. Who could tell? This was mother's hope but huskily: "Is it worse than I see?" rent and essential property of flies to

Suddenly we heard a cry of agony. d yards at a time. The panting and looking out, I saw that father was strained and pulled, jerked for standing in a swale where the fire had and flew back, and on the second | raged the fiercest, fed by resin-weeds, | expensive animals. The coming of the w stopped short and refused to which shot up nine and ten feet high. early fly terrifies the housekeeper into Almost benumbed with dread, I dragged | providing wire-screens for his doors and myself to the spot.

It was one of those sights it will take a lifetime to efface, for there, face-Let me take the plow, Willie," she downward, lay what had been our aid, I am stronger than you are; per- Sadie. Nearly all of her clothing had been burned, and the sweet, dimpled lead them, whip them, anything to flesh and bright curls were now dis-

What a death for our darling! Father Express. Again they benggled on, mother bore her homeward, sending me before

her face. The smoke was very dense I, compelled to le idle, stood watch- where," I added, bringing forth a scanty struggle.

"Thank God to that?" she ejaculated, iervently. I heard teps, and the next instant father entered ith his precious burden. She gave one shuddering tonce, and

got her anguish. I scarcely remember how the next few days passed. I know that friends

did."

The boys, too, sched their pockets in vain, and the fith a dreadful ninking at our heart we realized the appalling truth at our perfect helplessons and acts of kindness in great ons and confusion, the matches had been forgotten, and we were left with no defence save the piting in adjuste one of those few fur-rows!

Uncle Billy Bundy and His Mysterious Umbrella.

In the neighborhood of North Ninth street and Franklin avenue was observed, the other day, an old darky boat and finally recovered the body. but the head and limbs are gone. An other time a soldier tried to desert from the frosts of more than sixty winders. He stood on the edge of the side walk, and was noticed to shake he walk, and was noticed to shake he

Some Penalties of Wealth.

Mone ran for the wet cloths, and giving one to each, stationed us at it terval, gave us our orders in hurridations, taking herself the most dang to civilization that the difficulty of reaching that the most dang to civilization that the difficulty of reaching that belief is practically insuperating that the most dang to civilization that the difficulty of reaching that belief is practically insuperating that the civilization that the difficulty of reaching that the civilization that the civilization that the difficulty of reaching the civilization that the civilization bie. From the foundation of Christiani-Like a terrible picture the sense ty to the present day, to go no further ty to the present day, to go no further back, men have sought riches with all their energies, and in the majority of there is in a storm at sea, which so cases have enjoyed them when found; their energies, and in the majority of familiarity can efface. What then must it have been to the challing woman and children who been at it is awful splender for the first ime.

On it came in the long of fame, it is increased in the most often believe these assertions themselves, and certainly the world has refused to the arrange creed on the subject would unter sixteen or eightness, for and, like fiends ravenous for their synging forward, so this their summit was some feet in advance of their base. From this apex, which with a furtous wind will one can be an order of the crackling roar and the dense smoke thick with cindera, were appallations and though writers, who are imaginative people, are seldom practical, have of their members, who are imaginative people, are seldom practical, have often pretended that decent poverty is to think de jedgment day aint fur off, responded the old man.

He continued to shake his head, then remarked: "Taint no use to tell you all dat's gwine on in dis brain uvery depreted in the remarked: "Some time ago a Spanish gun-boat due to their their summit was some feet in advance of their base. From this apex, which with a furtous wind will one care appallation to the dense smoke thick with cindera, were appallation to a summet them at a moment's notice.

The world, in short, loves money, apsmoke thick with cinders, were appalling; while soon the intrace heat smote our faces like a blast rom a furnace.

Small were our the lest. We little has its penalties.

The world, in short, loves money, appreciates it, seeks it, pays respect to it. Yet, when all this is fully recognized, the fact remains that wealth sometimes has its penalties.

we children were content, I think she hungered for the old homestead in the East. Still she seldom spoke of it, and kept up a brave heart before father and us children. She had, that first year should carry us. The horses were all out, we led out the calf from the barn, overwhelmed him. Age and infirmity incapacitated him from attending daily to his many investments. But in these days of rapid change, constant vigithe sunny outer world. "The earth seems so vast," she would say, "it we finished. It was evident that the wearies me to see it stretching into the stable was leveted to destruction, as sky. I feel such an atom in the uni-well as the case which were stacked within a text feet of it. All our fears confusion. Take other cases: those of there is a pleasurable excitement about It was a desperate struggle, the flames this, but at all events there are penal-At the end of the second summer we leaped up in our very faces, singeing ties which can not be evaded, and which felt that we were well established in eyebrons and hair; and but for mothattach to great fortunes. There is, in

shows that wisdom lay in the prayer of When the need of exertion was over, Agar, when he said: "Give mo neither One morning, it was the 20th of Sey mother sank on the ground nearly fainttember—a date written for us in letters of fire—father started for Prairieville How the wind raged that day! The house quivered in every beam. The fires were not kindled, for mothers and children are spared," she sighed:

"I am thankful that our home and children are spared," she sighed:
"I am thankful that our home and children are spared," she sighed:
"The specific of the happy mean between the two extremes that the most satisfactory conditions are found, and that mean for tunately exists in greater proportion among the American people than anywhere else in the world.—N. Y. Trib-"there is little else left, and I must go where else in the world .- N. Y. Trib-

### The Early Fly.

If the origin of all things is a mysso much the worse for the old axiom. "You poor children!" mother cried, It is easy enough to see how the origin of existence in general should be a mystery. Existence in general is somemust light it, my children. Best we may." Her face was pale acceath, even to her lips; but she spoke in a firm voice, for our mother could be a brave woman when there was need.

"We fight it! How?" we cried, in "I don't know, mamma," he answered, his lip quivering. "She runned off: said she wanted to see the big fire too. I couldn't lock the door, and so she went."

"Where did she go, child, and when?" general, nor vague, nor large. He is thing large and vague, and it is not particular-in his attentions, if not in "She went towards the stable. O his diet-and very definite, and small. what he does. Nobody knows whence I lay she's always loaded, an' dev aint

"Oh, don't stop for me, children! that any better theory has been devised. "Thank God, you are all safe!" he however, that such a process is possible. It seems to be an inherent and essential property of window-panes to "What ails you all?" he asked, produce flies. It certainly is an inheis the reason that such persons as Mr. Ferdinand Ward are sometimes called "too fly." At all events, flies are very windows, at a cost of one hundred dollars or more. It necessitates the enshrouding of chandeliers and pictureframes. When the swarm arrives in force it is very hard on shoos. The only consolation possible is the reflection that next November the fly will have gone almost as suddenly and mysteriously as he came. - N. Y. Mail and

# Why She Trembled.

An Austin gentleman is in the habit of getting up very early and going to the river to bathe. A few mornings ago, while at breakfast, his wife said "George, I wish you would give up bathing early in the morning. I am so anxious while you are away that I can't sleep a wink."

The husband felt highly flattered to think that his wife cared so much for his welfare, and he said to her consol-

"Don't be alarmed, dear, about my getting drowned. The water is quite shallow, and I am a first rate swim-

"It is not that at all, but I am afraid ome speak-thief, seeing you go off, and knowing there is no man about the house, may get in and steal the silver spoons my ma gave me. You can't imagine how much I suffer when you are off bathing," she replied, with a merry laugh. - Texas Siftings. -Carl Schurz is to des

head ominously and heard to mutter a shore, and get in the habit of swallowfew words as he eved most intently a ling everything that comes along, and large umbrella he held up in front of when a man goes overboard they rush him. Despite his apparent seriousness for the splash. I've seen 'em moving there was something about the expres- around on the bottom like a drove of sion of his face that indicated there was | hogs. They generally swim slowly considerable fun in the old fellow.

stand there like a cigar sign?" asked feet into the air. the writer, who happened along.

good truck in dis old rain kiver, ain't it | for him and ate him up."-N. Y. Sun. boss? Many a white man what clerks in a bank wouldn't mine totin' a umberrells like dis. Deed he wouldn't. Now den, de strange part uv what I'se tellin' you am hard ter 'bleeve, but jes as sho' as cracklin' bread an' homemade sassage is good, dis same umberrells what you see, staid right here on de public street for two hours an' more, whar I don lef it, an' no one, nigger ne'r white man, ain't tech it. sals that drew him to Philadelphia. A detrimental to the growth, progress and of its children and demands in return When I git home 'bout two hours arter prominent jurist, the father of the man perpetuity of the State. For it is held that they be sent forth armed and Idone lef her dar my ole 'oman say: who told me the story, had an ear trou-Billy, whar de name er goodness am ble which threatened to destroy his power of the citizen depends the matede umberrella? Bless grashus, my hearing. He had consulted one distin- rial prosperity of the Commonwealth. heart come right spang up in my mouf, guished physician after another. Every kaze times is mighty hard, specially one had pretended to be able to cure the charge so often made, viz: that in are constantly tempted to include in wid hones' cullud fokes let lone squar' white men; an' boss, I 'gun ter think grew weary. He had spent a small for-

as you am standin' on yo' feet. I did the Judge. 'That you obey my instruc- New York City, which is, of course, a can be given in early life is in the pubhab idea dat fokes was gittin' wuss an' tions implicitly." replied the Doctor. "I pledge of good faith that the author is he school. There are few teachers who wass all de time, but de sperence uv dis | will." said the Judge, anticipating some day would er upsot me altogedder but terrible physical ordeal. "Well," said to contain "letters and statements give regular and systematic lessons on fer what my ole 'oman tole me when she the doctor, "I can not cure you; no one from Superintendents of eighty Amerheerd de umberrella was safe an' can do that. But if you obey me you

himself and proceeded: "I run jes as stone deaf to the end of your days." hard as my legs would 'low me, an' when I git here what you reckon I Judge. "Weli," said the doctor, "go seed? A great, big, black, hungry home, take good care of your ears, but roustabout nigger, wid his eyes sot put nothing in them and allow no one squar' on my umberrella: but, boss, dat to examine them or prescribe for them. nigger ain't tech her. He jes stan' on, Keep away from your physicians. If he did, an' eyed her, an 'twant no you feel yourself at any time, despite p'leccemen 'bout needer. Putty soon my prediction that you will be all right, here come 'long a young white hood- becoming worse, then come to me, but lum-I hates hoodlums wass dan de never go to anybody else." "I never ole boy hate a good Christian an' he wil," said the Judge. "Now doctor, seed her sett n' dar in de cornder, an' | what's your fee?" "Nothing at all. he look like he gwine take her, sho'. But he stan' back, he did, an' he nebber | very glad to have been able to advise tech her. None uv 'em aint dar' tech you." The Judge insisted that he her, an' dat make me laff away down should take a fee, but Dr. Gross resoin my bosom."

"Strange, indeed, old man!" oman done tricked it, an' ef you don't son some rogue aint had her hist up fore dis. My ole 'oman say she know'd I was sich a fool 'bout talkin' polertics, an' standin' on de street gwine over ole times wid my cronies, dat in order to keep dat umberrelia in she cookin' supper at home."

"How can you trick an umbrella?" was asked. "Now, will you lissen at dat?" said the old man, as he laughed immoderately. "I aint savin' what she done it wid, sah: but my ole 'oman got de stuff in de mountains uv Tennessee, an' de man, nigger 'er white man, what

kin git away wid us long as dat stuff Before the old man shuffled off he said: "Billy Bundy is my name; I useter blong to de Johnsings in Tennessee: I was in de wah wid my marster, an' now I is heah for good an' all. Ef ver want to know 'bout good ole times. on window panes, and we do not know my ole 'oman thinks I'm so sharp I oughter bin in Congress 'sted uv dese niggers what's so mighty highforlootin', and still doan know nuthin ." -St. Louis Republican.

Adventures with Sharks. "Yes, it was a close shave and I got off easy with this." The speaker, who was a Gulf coast pilot, held up an arm done up in splints "I came up from Pensacola to take a schooner to Tampa. but I shall have to lie off for a couple of foals when dropped weigh from ten to almost impossible task; for We told him then. He shivered with produce or aggravate pains. And yet, weeks or so. It happened in this way: twelve pounds, and are much more nd was baked hard, and the horror, and groaning, "Please Heaven. alleled by the summer's work, all efforts of Willie's weak arms house.

We told min then. The shivered with horror, and groaning, "Please Heaven. and g and when we were half-way down the man with me speaks up and says: Captain, sharks is sorter thick.' And I'm dogged if they warn't. Their fins Farmer. was a-cutting water all around the boat. for ard, astern and on both sid a, some going one way and some another, and should reckon there was twenty a fol- dealer in gum. lering us. I didn't like the looks of 'em myself, but I says: 'they can't damage us in the dingy.' I hadn't no more n paries that consume all the gum made. testimony on an examination of a pagot the words out o' my lips when. It is not alone fair girlhood to which its tient so uniformly agreed as this. The out of the water. We both gave a jump good deal. I can't say how much gum to the wind ard, and the fish struck is sold in Chicago, but no doubt the figabout a third in with a crash that alures, if they could be got at, are appall
alcoholic leverage. We accept his an interview with the his the conmost filled us, thrashed for a minute, ing. Only think of the vast waste of statements as inspired on instance sending one of the oars into the air, and muscular power in chewing it. I have asylums and lunatics; he has evidently jewelry, the produce of the mine. The sending one of the oars into the air, and muscular power it. If it had excellent facilities for the study of king, on being informed that a large was reaching for the t lier to give it a could only be utilized, the power of both. He has opened up a wide field of number of the miners were Temperance knock, the tail come ag'in my arm and these thousands and thousands of laws investigation and we can not see why men, said: "I am very glad to hear it. broke it clean in two. In a minute munching away hours and hours - why, he should not push the loquiry a little because they are just the sort of men to more the shark was overboard, and what results it would effect in mechan- farther in the interest of Temperance, give satisfaction, we sot there bailing and half scart to jes! death.

"Accident? I couldn't say: most likely it was. Sharks often leave the water when they're chased, and it may not have seen the boat, but we didn't waste any time after that, I can tell you. beach."

"Will they bite?" asked the listener. accidents on record there, because people know the dangers and look out for them, but I know of at least a dozen cases. The last one happened last summer. A vessel came in port for a summer. A vessel came in port for a very fond of royal-tea.—Philadelphia

when not chased, but they can work up "Hello, uncle, what are you thinking a tremendous race when they are about so earnestly that causes you to chased, and I've seen one jump twenty "To show you how hard they can

"Well you see dis umberrella. Putty If one was wounded the others went

#### Dr. Gross's Advice to a Patient.

I heard a story about the late Prof. Gross which everybody who knew him will recognize as characteristic. It was while he was practicing in Kentucky, where he is remembered as a fine surbefore he received the flattering propowill never be any worse than you are He paused awhile, then laughed to to-day. If you do not you may be "I will obey you to the letter" said the my dear sir." said the doctor: "I am lutely declined. The Judge lived for many years after that and never grew "I reckon 'twas strange. But my ole any worse, and never had occasion to see either Dr. Gross or any one else on know what trick mean, why she done | the ear account again. But he never conjured it, an' dat was de onliest rea- grew weary of telling this story. Washington Cor. Philadelphia Record.

# Shetland Ponies.

There is an increasing interest in these diminutive members of the horse famide family she was eroleedged to trick ly, and successful breeders find them it. She did dat: an' here's de umber- very profitable. Docile, intelligent, rella, an' here I is; an' dis minnit I bet hardy and easily kept, they are the my ole 'oman is laffing to hersef while | ideal of pets for child en. A Shetland foal can be raised to its third year for one half the cost of a steer at the same age, while the former finds a ready sale at \$100 to \$200. The greatest obstacles to success in breeding "Shetlies" arise from pampering them in the way of food and shelter. The r native habitat is on the bleak, storm-swept Shetland Islands, with little or no shelter save their thick, woolly coat, and no food but the scanty herbage, eked out with fish. The change from such conditions to warm stables and abundant food, is so violent that those which survive it are likely to become barren. A pony which was imported from the Isle of Yell had been reared so exclusively on fish-the only food the barren island affordedthat after its arrival in this country it only learned to graze by imitating its new companions. A quantity of dried fish, which was brought over with the pony, was fed to it while it was becoming gradually accustomed to vegetable food. A little wholesome "roughing it" is far better for them than pamper-

The market value of Shetland ponies is in an inverse ratio with their size. Nine hands (thirty-six inches) is the highest allowable for a well-bred pony. and one of only thirty-three inches is salable at a fully twice as much. The and as tame and friendly as kittens. Like most "fancy" stock, Shetland ponies can be bred with profit. - Prairie

# Chewing Gum.

"Let me dispel an illusion," said a

"All right: dispel away." "It is not boarding-schools and semiblim! came a thirteen-foot shark clean seductive nature appeals. Men chew a prependerance of evidence is against

The spiash of the fish had collected tim of the habit. He complains and the tacher them until the water was full of 'em. often says he wishes he could overcome testify for Temperance, bodes no good the horrors of intemperance and uring and I didn't feel safe until I was on the it. But he's the only man customer to the beer interest. that complains. The rest like it. You

see, there are a good many who find the Will a duck swim?" replied the pilot. habit beneficial, speakers for instance. Why, my friend, in July or now, I'd Quite a number of Board of Trade men just as soon swim a lake of red-hot chew it. It helps keep their voices in pitch as to swim over from Pensacola shape for the wear and tear they are to Fort Pickens. There are not so many subjected to in their business."-Ch"

### Temperance.

#### INSANITY AND INTEMPERANCE.

[A REVIEW BY REV. C. G. BATEMAN.] The Temperance question is no longer one of senumentalism; it can be nothof the public ear, in order that they may, with dramatic elecution, play studied as never before. Men of masculine brains and public spirit claim that aside from morals, whatever weakens the productive power of the citizen or restrains the most enlarged growth mulgates a new idea in reference to it a successful issue. is in positive danger of being immor- Many teachers claim to be already prevalence of insanity.

the advocates of total abstinence that habit. strong drink is largely responsible for geon and physician and a splendid man supposing, from the standpoint of polit- the system. ical economy, that such a waste was The State provides for the education

him, and had "doctored" him until he temperance produces to a great extent the so called social (?) glass, and one of tune in fees. At length a friend sent Thomann has written a pamphlet of is, How can they best be taught to rethoroughly impartial, in deference to for higher grades of mental work. the birthplace of the volume. It is not often one sees a book that was born in s brewery. We are not sure but the are correct this is the best book of the year for the Temperance cause; if false, no great harm is done.

Passing over the first half of the work, which is in many instances sophistical in argument and fictitious in historical data, we have to do entirely with cites, and the physicians he quotes, are tem to be regularly and scientifically very damaging to his cause. We should taught. not care to be tried before a Judge who just what his authorities do upon the question of alcoholic insanity. We are told that Dr. D. D. Richardson, Physician-in-Chief of the Philadelphia Hospital, says (p. 131): "Aside from herquently productive of insanity as the upon the human system. excessive use of intoxicants." Dr. H. I know it is bad enough-bad beyond legislators who did not dare to vote comprehension "

All the physicians whom the author ler. At the Marshall Infirmary for the | us work for it. 274 patients admitted, 115, or nearly forty-two per cent., were there from Asylum in the year 1877, out of 494 pa-1883 they contained 1030 patients, or their constituents .- Emily V. Keener, nearly ten per cent. of the whole num. in Union Signal. ber of inmates. And this estimate, it must be remembered, does not include those in whom "alcohol was an exciting cause," or in other words who were predisposed to insanity prior to (p. 130) of the Iowa Hospital, testifies that twenty-five per cent. of the patients were insane through drink as a of all the patients admitted. It is true the testimony of all the physicians quo ed is not equally strong, but we confess we have never read expert

There are many more asylums to ALL know the lasting effects of early "Oh, yes, men chew gum-lots of hear from both in this country and in impressions and how eager children them do. It's a habit that grows on foreign lands. We can only say that are to learn anything new and interestone. It's fearful fascination is betrayed if this book proves anything, it proves ing; and no teacher with fact car fail immediately its insidious enticements everything for the author's opponents, to make the study of Temperane at are yielded to. There is a young fellow and we would kindly suggest that the tractive. The subject need not interthat buys of me steadily who is a vic- grinning skeleton of the crazy man, fere with other studies, and the tacher

or to extenuate the sin of drunkenness. not object to the teaching of It is quite possible that some very weil mon-sense and the facts of select. The meaning men have condoned what they should have condemned. Where drunk-set is so revolting that any front will ennes occurs, the fault is not alone in enness occurs, the fault is not alone in the trafficker; it is also in the drinker.

That can is very guilty who conscious-

ly takes that which steals away his brains and makes him a brute; but we apprehend that the principal guilt is charged in the courts of Heaven against the offender at a much earlier date than most of us brangine. After the appepower has given way and the man is a ing to-day if not practical. Its advo- helpless slave, there may be little rerates can beg no longer the privilege sponsibility; but his guilt lay in his earlier indulgencies, when he was his own master; in forming the appetite to upon the sympathies of the popular which he has at last become a prey; in beart. The publicist, economist and cultivating and strengthening a habit financial philosopher regard it as a that has completely overcome him. question not unworthy of their closest We justly condemn him for getting into attention. The causa causarum of race this almost hopeless slavery, while we and national deterioration and decay is pity him now in his helpless servitude. - Domestic Journal

#### Scientific Instruction.

Many persons are wondering what of his every capacity, is a source of the women of the W. C. T. U. really menace and evil to the State. No ques- mean by the term "scientific instruction has been so thoroughly studied for | tion" which they notice more frequentthe past fifty years as that of Temper- ly than formerly in articles on the subance. It has been preached and prayed, ject of Temperance; also what they are sung and shouted, lectured and lis- aiming to accomplish by it in the pubtened to, till now a man who pro- lie schools if their plans are carried to

talized for his brilliant discovery. The teaching Temperance principles, and latest phase of this subject is an attempt so they are in a very mild way, by casto discover just to what extent the ex- pally remarking now and then to their cessive use of alcohol contributes to the pupils that whisky drinking is morally wrong and that it degrades, debases and . 1 It has been asserted many times by impoverishes those who indulge in the

To teach Temperance truths scientificthe rapid spread of insanity among the ally includes much more than this. It American people. Now, if it can be is to give regular lessons on the nature proved that there is a constant waste of alcohol, its effects on the different of mind force going on in the Nation, organs of the human body, and the (which seems pretty certain) as a re- changes that slowly but surely take sult of intemperance, then there would place as the blood becomes poisoned seem to be an additional reason for and carries this poison to every part of

to be philosophically true that upon the equipped to defend the laws of a free zens. The greatest obstacle they meet h was with a desire to refute the in their path is intemperance. They in favor of -beer. The work purports would consider themselves perpared to ican Insane Asylums, the history of five The work to be thorough and permahundred inebriates," etc., etc. As the nent must be done as well as that in book is published by a Brewery Asso- arithmetic or grammar; step by step ciation, every statement is necessarily from the simple statement which a child correct and none of the figures lie. We can understand to the more difficult therefore accept everything said as ones as the pupils develop a capacity

As long as the matter of having such instruction in the schools is optional with School Boards, so long will it be author has immortalized himself. If the done in a half-hearted manner by a statements upon the subject of insanity large number of teachers, under the impression that a change in the administration of school affairs will perhaps be the signal for a pause in the teaching already begun. To secure permanency in this work, to inspire teachers with a laudable ambition to excel in this line, the State must make it obwhat he says of the insane. The author | ligatory in all schools under its control; wishes to show that intoxicants do not a matter easily accomplished by passproduce insanity to any great extent, ing a law requiring the effects of alcobut we must say that the statistics he hol and tobacco upon the haman sys-

The Legislature of Vermont, with a would pass sentence ere the testimony keen insight into the needs of the was taken. This, in our opinion, is future, has passed such a bill, the principal clause of which reads:

He it enacted, that Sec. 10 of the School list of require i studies in the public schools, elementary physiology and hygiene which pital, says (p. 131): "Aside from her- shall give special prominence to the effects of edity, I believe there is no cause so fre- alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotice

New Hampshire and Michigan quickly Mathewson, of the Nebraska Asylum followed her example. Do you ask for the Insane, writes thus to the author; what is to prevent Illinois from having 'I can not give the statistics you ask. a similar law in operation? Ask those against it, yet did not want it to pass how the bill was manipulated when addressed for information were not presented last winter. A still more deequally prepared to answer, with those termined effort in that direction is to above mentioned, but nearly all point be made. For the sake of our future out intemperance as an efficient cause citizens let us plead for it; for the sake of insanity. We glean some startling of mothers who would thus be spared facts from Mr. Thomann's pages which the agony of beholding promising sons we wonder he did not break down un- go reeling into drunkards' graves let

Insane in Troy, N. Y., in 1882, out of | If every person as soon as convinced of the need and expediency of such a law would earnestly set to work to condrink. In the New York City Insane vince one other, how rapidly a little leaven the would leaven the whole tients admitted, 225, or forty-five and lump and public sentiment would soon one half per cent., were insane through demand such a law as a right, while drink. We select at random twenty- legislators, whether personally favorathree asylums from the number he ble to it or not, would not dare to vote mentions, and we find that in the year in opposition to the known wishes of

# Temperance Items.

Business men have got clear by the point where they will employ a man who gets drunk. But they are now forming the habit; nor does it embrace drawing the line at the man who is in those wao, though free from the habit the habit of drinking. He is a good habits of others. This moreover, does keeper; pleasant, obliging and all that. salesman, or a quick and accurate book-

THAT is good work done by the Catholie Bishop of Albany, in ordering that no more bars be permitted at Catholic direct cause and twenty-five per cent. Picnics in his diocese. He says he is more as an indirect factor in their into obtained, of farming out the bar as a source of reverue to the church. The prohibition issued includes lager beer. -Union Signel.

THE King of Sweden never loses an opportunity of saving a good word for Temperance. An English company is

Invectives against the liquor-desers. It judgment is used there will be Itle or One of our exchanges thinks there is too great a disposition in some quarters to "compassionate" the drunkard be the best of reasons why the should