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Found Dead

With a bottle clasped to his frozen breast; He died from drink, where he chanced to

Ran the coroner's verdict—and this was all; God only knows the rest.

Where was the soul, once brave and strong, As he staggered along the broad highway Where was the Mentor of right and wrong, As he babbled a stave of the drinking song Heard in a den that day?

Vive la vie !" as the maudlin swell Went trembling out on the startled air, An echo marked, from the frozen dell, 'La vie-la vie!" he reeled and fell, Where to, he did not care.

The wind, in the leafless treetops, beat The onward march of a wintry storm, But the snow came down with silent feet And tenderly spread a winding-sheet Over the human form

They found him there, when the morning light, Shone over the woodland far and free, Still and stark, in the shimmering light With his lips apart as, yesternight, He sung, "Vive la vie!"

This human wreck in his rags and grime, The lowest and least of his fellow-men. Had never committed a penal crime-Was followed and flattered, in manhood's

prime.

The state of the s

He hid his face in his hands, and wept bitterly. His lost young life of frontier homes.' Who will dare to

save me, a poor sinner: don't let me different. I had my boys in some of die and be lost! I believe God the saloons along on State street, and answered his prayer before he passed on the West Side, to show 'em the Found dead by the roadside, Augustus Hall away. He said, when he could poor loafers, some of em evidently scarcely whisper, 'Jesus saves me now!' But the bitter thought rose up once more. He said: 'Twenty-library, as I wanted the boys to see two years—all lost!' Then he passed the poor fellows there finding a good over. Poor Watson neglected his warm place to sleep until ten o'clock, mother and his God.

The time is going fast; what have you the boys were disgusted with the you to show for it? Nothing good. dirt and vulgarity. My oldest boy Nothing but harm to yourself and went into the wine-room to see the others It will be no comfort to you girls, and come out mad saying they when you come to die, and leave were nothing but paint, powder and your mother destitute and face an stuffing, and charged him three dollars offended God. Don't you think you for a little bottle of wine worth about had better STOP now?"

Bildad and the Bear.

to the kind thoughtfulness of Mrs. When he started for the train next Ira R. Curtiss, of Marengo, for the mornin' airly, we see a sign out, following delicious bit of sarcastic Clerk Wanted,' and thirty or forty wisdom, clipped from the Life Boat, fellows standin' around waitin' for Utica, N. Y.

A PARABLE.

in their cabin on a quiet summer of his own, and I'm going to give evening when suddenly an enormous him half the money from this stock Bildad, with one bound, caught a next, has the best team in our country, pole stretched across overhead, and and the handsomest gal. My boys drawing himself up out of danger, have seen Chicago with their eyes proceeded to hold a convention, adopt- open, and are satisfied to stay at

of this proceeding to honor the with it. I believe this keeping of memory of our first great example boys in ignorance of what a great city and immortal champion of freedom really is, is wrong so I do."

foreign and unknown bears, alien to ed:our civilization and our domestic "If I thought you cared I would; enforcement of existing opposition to and me.

of my poor Watson? I'll tell you. skillet, tongs and hot water was vigor- gentleman?"

wouldn't give up his sins; he didn't lated households is the safety of its in- other drop of liquor as long as I live. want to give you up, and he kept on mates from the attacks of bears, and Here's hand on it.' you nearly every night, until you wise and well-directed efforts to pro- "Jim" is to-day the respectable and saw him walk about like a shadow, mote the destruction of bears that find respected Mr. -. Saved by a kind

"Watson told me his story before well-directed blow, killed the bear. - Christian Advocate.

and I ran away. But I wrote her I the Union Stock Yards, where he had sentiment strengthens, and not a conwould send her money, for I knew sold three cars of stock of his own test of this great battle but has given she depended on me for a living. I raising. "No, sir, my boys are all firm conviction and deeper purpose to never sent her any. I spent it all at home. I've had all of my boys in carry forward the battle to victory at in drink, and now I'm here dying. the city, though, and they know what any cost. The Eastern border of the I have killed myself.' He hid his face again and cried.

I spent it all at home. I voltate all only so any cost. The Eastern border of the State is nearly cleared of the traffic and the period of victory draws night "I told Watson about Jesus, and lets boys go on thinkin' a city is the Let the friends of temperance thank I saw how he stretched out his nicest place in the world, when it is God and take courage.—Inland Adfeeble hands and cried: O Jesus, just as easy as nothin' to show 'em vocate.

anyhow. We were also in some of "Is this the way you are doing? them dives along the levee, and I tell twenty-five cents.

"I had the boys look in the morning papers to see how many situations there were vacant, and how many The Patrol says: We are indebted more there were wantin' places. the doors to open. Oh, I tell you, the boys haven't any love for Chicago' and they are stayin' home and 'tendin "Bildad and Betsey were sitting to business. James has a small farm bear walked into the open door. to furnish his house with, 'cause he's Taking in the situation at a glance, goin' to marry soon. Robert, the home, behave themselves, and take "'First: I pause on the threshold the old farm when I get through

Saved by Kindness.

We will call him Jim, for I do not state, and to the indissoluble union remember his name. He had lost all respectability and was a common "' Third: I am uncompromising- gutter drunkard. His family had ly in favor of the Betsonian system disowned him and would not recognize him when they met him. Oc-"'Fourth: I condemn the custom casionally he would get a job at the of the frontier to place bears on our stables where Dr. Davis kept his visiting list, and insist that the cabin horse. One morning he laid his lofts shall be adjusted and maintained hand on his shoulder and said :-

so as to furnish full and adequate pro- "Jim, I wish you would give up the drink." "'Fifth: I declare my hostility to There was something very like a the introduction into this cabin of quiver of the man's lips as he answer-

constitution; and I demand the rioid but there is a great gulf between you

"Have I made any gulf, Jim? as will exclude this bear from our Think a moment before you answer." "No-you haven't.

"If you had been a millionaire, "You don't know what has become his perch above, Betsy, with poker could I have treated you more like a "No you couldn't."

> "Say it again won't you?" "I do care, Jim," with a tender little emphasis on the Jim.

"I do care, Jim."

"Mr. Davis, I'll never touch an-

This was fifteen years ago; and word! Will you make an effort this "Just at this point Betsey, by a week to win some one by kindness?

Prohibition Prohibits in Iowa.

The traffic is narrowed now, so far

The manufactories are all closed so far as we are informed. The saloons are closed in every river town but one we believe. Council Bluffs was one of the strongest, and most inveterate liquor traffic depots in the State. Yet here the liquor traffic is in its last expiring gasp under the firm hand of a Trojan Judge of the courts who does not falter in his purpose to execute the law. The public sentiment strengthens, and not a con-