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Trace the history of those who fill our jails and penitentiaries, and you will find that the men who stand behind the grates "playing checkers with their noses," were once promising boys,—the pride of their parents. The majority of them will tell you, as do the majority of the criminals who end their lives on the scaffold, that rum was the cause of their ruin.

Temperance Work Perpetual.

In one respect temperance work is like housework. Women are sometimes heard to wish that they could get this dusting, and darning, and dish-washing done up at once for all; as a man builds a barn, clears a wood-lot or digs a well, and is through with it. It is tedious to keep a pegging away at the same hum-drum task to-day, to-morrow, and the year round, as long as one lives—always doing it but never getging it doue. But that is what temperence people must make up their minds to do. There is no discharge in this war. We may whip in many a skirmish and carry many an entrenchment; we may burn the enemy's supply trains and break up his camps. But as long as human nature is human nature, so long as men love self-indulgence, we shall have to keep up a running fight with this foe. To call this task a "reform" is misleading. It will not be like the crusade against slavery. That evil has been wiped out. When intemperance is wiped out we may expect to hear the trumpet blowing for the millennium.

A minister in the Highlands found one of his parishioners intoxicated. Next day he called to reprove him of it. "It's wrong to get drunk," said the minister. "I ken that," said the guilty person, "but then I dinna drink as meikle as you do." "Why sir how is that?" "Why gin it please ye, dinna ye aye tak a glass o' whiskey and water after dinner." "Why, yes, Jemmy, surely I take a glass of whiskey after dinner, merely to aid digestion." "And dinna ye tak a glass of whiskey toddy when ye are gangin' to bed?" ', Yes, to be sure, I just take a little toddy to help me to sleep." "Well," continued the parishoner, that's just fourteen tak sixty glasses a week—I war thinkin' the rum month for a week. Now, ye see that the only difference is that ye time it better than I do."

A strong temperance sentiment prevails in Burmah. The laws of the country are very stringent in regard to the use of strong drink. For the first offence of drunkenness a man is marched through the streets with his hands tied behind him, for the second he is severely beaten, and for the third he is so severely beaten as sometimes to cause death. The principal drink is water, and public drinking fountains are provided all along the travelled roads.

An eminent French writer says, "that having fallen into the abyss of drunkenness, then we cry out to God, 'Why hast Thou made us too weak to rise;' and, in spite of ourselves, a voice made answer to our conscience: 'If I made thee too weak by thine own power to rise out of the gulf, at least I made thee strong enough never to have fallen into it.'"

Coleridge says: "Evil habits first draws, then drags, and then drives."

Prayer will make us leave off sinning, or sinning will make us leave off praying.—*A. Fuller.*

Household.

CANNED CORN.—In canning green corn and peas for winter use, cook as though they were to be served for the table at once, and then can in the same way that peaches, pears, and other fruits are canned when put up in glass jars.

DELICIOUS SOUP.—Make a stock of chicken soup. When strained and just before it is served, add a beaten egg and a half pint of cream to a quart of the soup. Let it boil one minute, and pour into the tureen. This will be found most delicate in flavor.

GOOSEBERRY JAM.—Stew the berries in a little water, press through a course sieve, and then return to the kettle; add three-fourths of a pound of sugar to each pound of the pulped gooseberry; boil three quarters of an hour, stirring constantly; pour in jars and bowls, and cover as directed for currant jams.

RICE CAKE.—A pint of cold, boiled rice, one half pint of bread crumbs; cover with milk that is just beginnging to turn sour, and leave in a cool place over night. In the morning add one quart of sour milk, one quart of flour, two beaten eggs, one teaspoonful of salt and soda (bicarbonate) to sweeten; bake on a griddle; the milk must not be too sour.

CHOW CHOW.—One gallon of white cabbage cut fine, one gallon of green tomatoes cut fine, one-half gallon of green peppers cut fine, one half gallon of onions cut fine. Mix these and sprinkle the whole with salt, and let it stand twenty-four hours; then squeeze all the salt out, and pour vinegar over it until covered (weak vinegar will do), and let it stand twenty-four hours; then squeeze the vinegar out, and season the mixture with whole black peppers, white and black mustard seed, ground mustard, horseradish, allspice and cloves, and one cup of sugar. After the seasoning is thoroughly mixed, pack it in jars, and cover with best vinegar; it is soon ready for use. As it would take so much time to cut up these vegitables with a knife, I run them through my sausage grinder—even the horseradish—for the seasoning.

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