

# Temperance.

For the man who drinks;  
For the man who thinks;  
For the drunkard maker;  
For the statute breaker.

## POOR HOUSE N'AN.

say you wished to see me, sir?  
In 'tis a cheerless place,  
He heartily welcome all the same;  
The poor is no disgrace!  
How long? Oh, yes, sir!—  
Thirty winters gone  
For Jim took to crooked ways, and  
I am all alone;  
My son; and a tinner lad you'd  
Wish to see;  
Counsels won his heart, and led  
Away from me.

old and pitiful story, sir, of the  
winding stair,  
In going down and down to  
darkness and despair;  
About like wrecks at sea, with  
An anchor lost,  
Through the surging waves, nor  
ring to count the cost,  
Sometimes if the Saviour sees—  
seems so far away—  
souls he loved and died for are  
fitting—drifting astray.

This little wonder, sir, if woman  
drinks and cries,  
The life-blood on Rum's altar spilled  
Reaching to the skies;  
Wonder if her own heart feels each  
artificial blow,  
Each life a part of hers? each  
in her hurt and woe?  
The records of crime and shame  
This bitterly, sadly true,  
Manliness and honor die there  
The woman's heart dies too.

think, when I hear folks talk so  
entirely and so fine,  
"Behold as a useful food," of "the  
moderate use of wine,"  
The world couldn't do without it,  
There was clearly no other way,  
Man to drink, or let it alone, as  
his own strong will might say."

to use it, but not abuse it," was  
the proper thing to do—  
wish they would let old Poor  
House N'AN preach her little sermon

give them scenes in a woman's  
life, that would make their pulses  
tremble;  
Was a drunkard's child and wife—  
A drunkard's mother, sir!  
Tell of childish terrors, of childish  
tears and pain;  
Blows from a father's hand, when  
man had crazed his brain;  
Says said he could drink his fill, or  
let it alone, as well.

he might; he was killed one  
night in a brawl—in a grog shop  
well.  
Tell of years of lowliest toil the  
drunkard's child had passed,  
Just one gleam of sunshine, too  
beautiful to last.  
He married Tom I thought for sure  
I had nothing more to fear.  
Life would come right at last, the  
world seemed full of cheer.  
He took to moderate drinking; he  
allowed 'twas a harmless thing;  
Arrow sped, and my bird of Hope  
came down with a broken wing.

was only a moderate drinker; ah,  
sir, do you bear in mind,  
The plodding tortoise in the race left  
the leaping hare behind?  
Because he held right on and on,  
Steady and true, if slow;  
That's the way, I'm thinking, that  
the moderate drinkers go!  
Over step—day after day—with  
sleepless, tireless pace,  
The toper sometimes looks behind,  
And tumbles in the race.

heavily in the well worn path poor  
Tom walked day by day,  
My heart strings clung about his feet,  
And tangled up the way;  
Days were dark, and friends were  
gone, and life dragged on so slow,  
Children came, like reapers sad, to a  
harvest of want and woe!

of them died, and I was glad when  
they lay before me dead;  
I grew so weary of their cries—  
their pitiful cries for bread.  
I came a time when my heart was  
stone; I could neither hope nor  
pray.  
Tom lay in the potter's field, and  
my boy had gone astray;  
My boy had been my idol; while the  
hounds thirst for blood,  
My breaking heart and him the  
liquor-seller stood.  
Iured him on with his poisoned  
words, his pleasures and his wine.  
God have pity on other hearts as  
bruised and hurt as mine!

ere were whispers of evil doing, of  
dishonor and of shame;  
I can not bear to think of now, and  
would not dare to name!  
I was hiding away from the light of  
day; there was creeping about at  
night;  
Buried word of parting—then a crimi-  
nal's stealthy flight.  
I was white with remorse and  
fright, when he gave me a good-by  
kiss.  
I've never seen my poor lost boy

from that black day to this;  
Ah, none but a mother can tell you, sir,  
how a mother's heart will ache  
With the sorrow that comes a sinning  
child, with grief for a lost one's  
sake,  
When she knows the feet she trained  
to walk have gone so far astray.  
And the lips grown bold with curses that  
she taught to sing and pray.  
A child may fear, a wife may weep, but  
of all sad things none other  
Seems half so sorrowful to me as being a  
drunkard's mother.

They tell me that down in the vilest dens  
of the city's crime and murk.  
These are men with the hearts of angels  
doing the angel's work;  
That they win back the lost and the stray-  
ed, that they help the weak to stand  
By the wonderful power of loving words,  
and the help of God's right hand.  
And often and over, the dear Lord knows,  
I've knelt and prayed to him,  
That somewhere, somehow, 'twould hap-  
pen that they'd find and save my  
Jim.

You'll say 'tis a poor old woman's whim,  
but when I prayed last night,  
Right over you eastern window there  
shone a wonderful light,  
(Leastways it looked that way to me,) and  
out of the light there fell  
The softest voice I ever heard; it rang like  
a silver bell;  
And these were the words: "The prodigal  
turns tired by want and sin,  
He seeks his father's open door, he weeps  
and enters in."

Why, sir, you're crying as hard as I; what  
is it I have done?  
Have the loving voice and the Helping  
Hand brought back my wandering  
son?  
Did you kiss me, and call me "Mother"  
—and fold me to your breast,  
Or its one of the taunting dreams that  
come to rob me of rest?  
No, no! thank God, 'tis a dream come  
true, know he has saved my boy!  
And the poor old heart that had lived on  
hope was broken at last with joy.  
—Mrs. Lady M. Blinn, in *Author's Home*  
*Magazine*.

## Farm and Household.

A WORD OR TWO ON KICKING COWS.  
—As the season of the year is at  
hand when the cows are coming in  
on the farm, a word or two on kick-  
ing cows will not be out of place.  
Nothing is more common among boys  
and thoughtless persons than a treat-  
ment of animals which one moment's  
reflection would show to be ruinous  
to their quiet and gentle habits. A  
cow kicks spitefully, but, if she hap-  
pens to do no harm, she escapes the  
penalty. She accidentally moves her  
foot, and upsets a full pail of milk—  
a tempest of blows descend upon her.  
Such a course will soon spoil any cow,  
or her kicks are borne without notice  
till the patience of the milker is ex-  
hausted, and then commences a gen-  
eral broadside of kicks, thumps, blows  
and beating. It is impossible for any  
animal, possessing even the sagacity  
of a politician to understand such  
treatment, or to form any distinct  
connection between cause and effect,  
offence and penalty. Gentleness is  
the best and most efficient way to  
cure a kicking cow. If vicious con-  
fidence in such a manner that she  
can do no harm, but whatever else  
occurs, never beat or kick her.

REMEDY FOR CURRANT WORMS.—  
Three years ago our currant and  
gooseberry bushes were well filled  
with the young fruit. We hoped  
soon to gather a large quantity of  
them fully ripe. But just when they  
reached nearly their full size the  
worms came and devoured every  
leaf, leaving the bushes as bare as  
pipe stems. The fruit soon wither-  
ed and died away. For the past two  
years the use of a simple and inex-  
pensive remedy, which I have never  
seen in print, has destroyed the  
worms and saved the fruit. The  
remedy is salt water poured on the  
bushes from a sprinkler, when the  
worms have just fairly begun to de-  
vour the leaves. In consuming the  
leaves the worms eat the salt which  
deposits thereon, and soon die. If a  
rain occurs soon after applying the  
salt water, it may wash the salt from  
the leaves before the worms eat it.  
It will have to then be applied again.  
Care must be taken that the salt  
dissolved in the water is not enough  
to kill the leaves. I have hitherto  
depended on my judgement as to the  
proportion of salt to the water. This  
year I intend to measure the quanti-  
ties exactly, so that they may be used  
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