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A Fairy Song. BY MARY ANN BROWN. From the alder bushes, From the daisies' home, From the bending rushes, Come, come, come!

As Editors: Some poor editor, whose exchanges, during last winter, seldom came to hand, got off the following lines: I wish I were an oyster...

Modern Inventions: The strongest witness the present age has to superiority over the past, is the number and quality of its inventions. The classic Greek, surrounded by muse-haunted groves and monuments of incomparable art...

Prohibitory Liquor Laws. Report of the Committee on the Judiciary Relative to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors. State of Maine.

In SENATE, February 29th, 1856. There are many persons whose religious convictions upon this subject assume the milder form of a benevolent sense of duty.

Other persons, looking at the same class of facts and hazards, defend the prohibitory laws on the ground of public economy and preventive police.

But the history of many well-regulated States, and the facts of human nature itself, refute the idea of any such necessity. It may be stated as a proposition of wide general accuracy, that wherever, throughout the world, there is the least amount of regulated freedom, there is the least amount of pauperism...

Undoubtedly we have among us, as in every State, a class of persons peculiarly exposed to intemperance. It is common to say of them, "they are poor and vicious because they drink."

It may be that the unexposed class of our people—they who because they can govern themselves are able to govern the State—have not taken hold of this matter at the right end. We have a cherished system of public instruction—yet, there are great numbers of our people who never get so much education as to be of any influence in purifying and elevating their lives...

disabilities, being admitted to be incapable of entire self-government, or required by special circumstances of public policy, to be a subject of temperance has nearly or quite ceased to exist. Why should it not? The prohibitory laws discard the power of moral influence—why then cease to exert it, or to appeal to the moral sense?

The State has the right to forbid the sale of liquor to soldiers in the public service; to jurors engaged in the trial of causes; and to others in like public employment, because they are under statutory contract with the government...

The State has also the right to require that the manufacture of alcoholic liquors shall be confined to a limited number of persons; that it be carried on only at permitted places, and under such regulation and control that it shall not have a tendency to aid the unlawful sale.

The administration of these two systems presents widely different distinctions. The distinction between the two systems, is not to be found in the fundamental and natural laws, and in harmony with the principles of the constitution...

Under the other system, the attempt is to accomplish all, by absolute interdiction and prohibition, having no reference to the moral character or condition of the individual being. Under the one system, the individual being left, in a proper degree, to his liberty, remains subject to moral influence, and to motives addressed to his reason and moral sense.

things or not, it is undeniably true, that since the introduction of the prohibitory laws, this form of action and influence upon the subject of temperance has nearly or quite ceased to exist. Why should it not? The prohibitory laws discard the power of moral influence—why then cease to exert it, or to appeal to the moral sense?

It is commonly said by the advocates of the prohibitory laws, that the license laws are worse than the law. If the law were so, the reason is plain—during the last several years, before the final repeal of those laws by the new policy, the most ardent opposers of drinking in this State, were gradually adopting the doctrine that liquor drinking was an immorality in itself...

The test of a well framed license law should be, Does it, when administered honestly and carefully, according to its own intent, accomplish to a reasonable degree, the object of public safety, for which it was made?

To inquire whether the recent and existing prohibitory laws in this State have been successful, might lead only to a conflict of interested judgments. Some things, however, are obvious to all. The prohibitory law consists of two parts—that which is declaratory, showing what may and what may not be done, and that which embraces the modes and penalties for enforcing it.

But which must result, sooner or later, in the general acquiescence upon that which is sound and true. There are many men, who prefer to reach a demonstration by experience, rather than by reason. If the prohibitory laws have not yet shown to their partizan supporters that the system is impracticable as well as unwarrantable, the people of the State will have to endure further conflicts upon this issue.

In accordance with the views entertained by a majority of the committee on the general subject referred to them, they have agreed to report a bill, under the title of "An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking-houses and tipping-shops," which is herewith submitted.

Mr. BUSH—Sickens in my family, severe and protracted, and which has resulted in the loss of one of my children, will, I trust, be a sufficient apology for not writing to you sooner.

Now what are we to think when such men as Mr. Heron, of Marion county, Mr. James McNairy, of Clackamas county, and others, equally as good men as they, certainly did find gold there in the year 1847? For one, I must say that I do not doubt their word. I fully believe that they did find, either gold, or something else which they believe to be gold.

myself fully persuaded that there is plenty of gold somewhere in that country, and if I can raise a company of men or myself, I will next summer, to go with me, I will go again. I would like to start about the last of June, and take provisions for ten or twelve weeks. I have written this while setting up at night, watching my sick children, and have not time to transcribe it; therefore I will thank you to correct any error you may see in it.

My text for to day is contained in these words: "Mysterious element, oh, water! then parts part and parcel of myself, and all that appertains to earth."

Water, brethren, has its antipathies. It disdains to associate with oil; yet when they meet no fuss is raised, but a cold and solemn silence is maintained. But water and fire are sworn enemies. When they clash together, what a terrific struggle ensues!

Water, brethren, sprinkling from the fountain, is the emblem of Purity, when it comes in the form of rain, it is emblematical of Justice; and when descending as dew, it is the prettiest picture of Gentleness to be found in the gilt-edged volume of Nature.

reminds me that that was the first rain that ever fell upon the earth. It must have been so, for if had ever rained before a rainbow would have been seen at some time or other. The philosophy of the thing is this; that when the earth was made, it contained all the water in itself—the heavens were as dry as a baker's oven.

One dark gloomy night in the month of December, we chanced to be at a "spelling school" not a thousand miles from Baldwinville, while our eyes fell on a "fairly good" specimen of our own susceptible world in a blaze. She was sixteen, or thereabouts, with bright eyes, red cheeks, and cherry lips, while the suburban ringlets clustered in a wealth of profusion around her beautiful head...

The Irishman is made up of potatoes, potheen and water. The Scotchman consists of oatmeal and water. The Frenchman is egg omelette, frog and water. The Spanish and Portuguese are olive oil, vinegar and water. The Dutchman is head-cheese, sour kraut and water.