Half a dozen young men were gathered in one of those dangerous long-ing places which are to be found almost everywhere— a "grocery"— whose chief article of trade is that which kills the reason and destroys

the body.

The time was fifteen years since. and at that day nearly every shop which dealt in unts, confectionery and tobacco had an minamed department, where most of the profits were made. If this latter trade was not in accordance with the existing laws, those who had the execution of these laws never could be convinced that they were violated sufficiently to justify prosecu-

Young men guthered at these places of resort to pass social hours, and great were the evil results which sprend from such gatherings at such

places. But all young men could not be corrupted, even when in the midst of such evil influences, as our story is to

All of the members of this party of which we have spoken were smok-

ing, save one.

He was a tall well-built young man, decidedly handsome, and intelligent in appearance. The full glow of early manhood was upon him, and his clear open features spoke of honesty and tenth of nursoes. truth of purpose.

Beside him, sat another, a few years

Beside him, sit another, a few years older than himself, and very different in appearance. With a few more years, and the culture they would bring, it was evident he would degenerate into the mere "rough," whose natural position and occupation would be in and around such places as he now

trequented.

Rising to his feet and throwing aside the piece of cigar he had been smoking, he remarked:

Come up, Albert, and have a glass of ale."
"No ale for me, thank you," the

young man replied.

"You needn't be afraid of it's costing you anything," was the in-

"You needn't pay for anything, only step up and have a glass."
The young man's face flushed, but he spoke very calmly when he an-

sweres:
"If you think me stingy or afraid of
my money, I will pay for the eigars,
though I never smoke, or anything
else you may call for except drinks.

Come along a glass of ale won't

Still Albert Bruce refused, so firmly yet so kindly, that any one in posses-sion of his natural senses would have seen the folly of urging him further, But Calvin Harwood had been drinking pretty freely, and grasping the young man by the arm be dragged him toward the counter, saying:

"You use me mean. Albert, and now if you won't driak with me I'll

A strugle ensued. Calm nerves and a clear head proved the better posses sion, and Bruce was about breaking loose from his antagonist when the latter delt him a serious blow full in

The young man had not schooled himself to bear such treatment very himself to bear such treatment very patiently, and with a single powerful was but a plaything in the hands of blow, he sent the half-tranken fellow, stunned and bleeding, beneath one of the screens at the other end of the department.

Harwood was a favorite among his tian his name was enrolled. But he days though

to sit idle when he was receiving the worst of a bargain he himself had

Two or three rushed upon Albert, but they might as well have attacked an enraged lion. Straight out from the shoulder he struck, and every blow sent an adversary to the floor, until there was none who cared to continue

that worthy remarked, with a

doleful glunce at the bruised and bleed-ing visages of those left behind.

"No, I do not think you will," was the calm answer. "The revelations made before a court of justice would not be creditable to you."

Those with a value latest with

Then with a voice intent with meaning, he said:

"Let me tell you, I have already

seen too much of the evil effects of drink, and no man living can induce me to teach the poisonous stuff."

Colonel Bruce was a man of much property, who lived in the best style his means would allow, and affected a high regard for fashionable follies. This particular occasion was the birdiday of his daughter Amanda, a heattiful and fiscinating girl, now just
eleliteen, and the belie of the vicinity.

The evening passed rapidly with
music, cards and conversation, until a
quiet bustle in and out of the room
was followed by refreshments. These,
of course, from the Colonel's ultra
dispersation, was founded as a medicine. Upon a
forged pass he made his way into the
city, and for a week remained hidden
in one of the low haunts of debaucheven in a remote quarter of the town.

Then, his money being gone, he vas
kicked forth into the street, picked up
by the provost guarda, and would have
been tried for desertion, had not a
higher tribunal summoned him. Next
morning he was found to be suffering

fashionable ideas, consisting of cake and wine.

When the tempting glass was pre-sented to Albert, he refused at first. But it was the jewe'ed hand of Amanda which held it, and her sweet voice

who spoke in low, persuasive tones:
"You will wound me, Albert, if
you refuse. It is not bad, poisonous
stort, such as they sell at the stores. you refuse. It is not bad, poisonous staff, such as they sell at the stores. I made this with my own hands. We always use it here, it is so beautiful and inspiring. All our friends here have taken their glasses, and now you will join them for my sake, will you not? You know they want to loss net? You know they want to toast me, because this is my birthday. Albert was more than half in love

with her already, and he mechanically raised the glass, repeating as he did

"How delicious that while was," he mused when in his own room, "I only drank two glasses, and I never felt so royally in all my life. Why cannot those poor drunkards, if they must drink, save their money and procure such harmless beverages as those! But Amanda loves me—I know it, and

I am bound to improve upon it.

He was right. The love he felt was mutual, and as the way had been paved it did not take him long to improve mon it.

The became a frequent visitor at colonel Bilss' house, drank that harmless wine as often, and in due course of time led the blushing Amanda to the alter.

Four years of married life had they passed. Albert drank home-made wines no longer, for he had long since abandoned his scruples, and now

drank anything and everything which could minister to his terrible appetite.

He was a drunkard!

Often, often had be come home staggering and mandlin, but the worst was yet to come. was yet to come.

One night he was brought home, badly bruised and wounded from a street fight. For a day or two his file was almost despaired of, but finally he amended, and was soon well

Amanda had begged and entreated him, before this, to forsike the way he was pursuing, and Albert had al-ways promised to make the effort; yet if made it seemed a weak one, for very few days passed over his head but the social glass passed to his lips. But now the still young wife was more than ever alarmed, and, as he was about to leave the house for the first time since his injuries, she threw berself beside him and pleaded still more carnestly that he would not again yield to temptation.

"Try to be strong-try to resist your appetite," she said, clinging to

"Oh, Amanda, why did you not al-ways teil me so?" he asked in wild tones. "Then I had not been the thing I am to-day."

"Albert, what do you mean?" she

"I have spoke, and will finish now," he said, clasping her hand close within his own. "I did not mean to ever speak an accusing word, but if, at your birtislay gathering, you had heeded my desire to abstain, you would have saved me all this. I would have fought me to the death before I would have yielded. But I loved you. Amanda; I did not believe you could do wrong; at your request I drank. Those two glasses created an appetite. I knew not then its nature—but it will dear one down to my graye for will drag me down to my grave for aught I know—and oh, such a grave! Amands, why did you do it!"

The poor woman for her herself from her hu-band's side, for she knew not what she did, and fied to the confines of her own room. Throwing herself upon her knees,

she cried out, in the bitterness of her anguish to that God whom she had never before approached in prayer.
"Oh, I did it all—I see it now! It was my work. Thave slaned—sinned, and I cannot undo the wrong. O, merciful Father! is there no power in Heaven to help me!

Albert Bruce stopped not in his downward course. The strong man was but a plaything in the hands of

Partment.

Harwood was a favorite among his associates, because he had a habit when on his drunken sprees, of whipping them soundly, and they did not wish his andlen departure. His affairs were not and could not be suitably arranged; but he did not murmur. Only, as he clasped his wife tenderly to his bosom in a final farewell, he said :

"In the army I shall be free from temptation. Three years must cure this dreadful appetite, and if I live, Amanda, I will still endeavor to be a Adjusting his hat and nodding a pleasant good evening to the har-keeper, he moved towards the door.

"I'll have you arrested for this row," that worthy remarked and

en orderly sergeant was stripped of his chevrous in the presence of ten thou-sand of his fellow soldiers, and sent away, in disgrace, to the guard-house. it was Albert.

We pass the degradation and misery be endured.

Just before the battle of Getty-burg. he was taken ill, and sent to a North-ern hospital. A furlough could not be obtained, but he wrote to his wife of his whereabouts; and she sending him Colonel Bliss had invited half a supply of money for his countert, arranged her affairs to follow it, and remain near him till he was obliged again to remain the beautiful again to remain the state.

remain near him till he was obliged again to return to duty.

Albert received the money, and it came to him at a moment when he was half crazed by the liquor he had been taking as a medicine. Upon a forged pass he made his way into the city, and for a week remained hidden in one of the low hames, at dalament.

morning he was found to be suffering from delirium tremens, and all pos-sible attention was given him—but in vain. In a few hours the disease had obtained complete mastery, and then ensued a long night scene of such horror as can be witnessed nowhere

else on this earth.

she would not be withheld. Pushing aside those who sought to restrain her sie pressed up to the lone couch where the demon was tearing away the sout of her beloved hu-band.

For inhuites she gazed upon the huriful. Then, this is only a rare occasion, and no great harm can come from it to my mind."

Wendell Phillips says: "Put an American haby, six months old, on his feet, and he will immediately say: "Mr. Chairman I' and call the next dreadful scene of death which the

He drank when the sentiment was given, drained the glass to the bottom, and lowered it with delight.

"How delicious that wine was," he the draw the draw the delicious that wine was," he the draw the d out a thrill of horror; and then, as she uttered a wild, wailing laugh, reason fied its throne forever! And while the white corpse was

silently placed in the earth, the maniac widow was almost as effectually buried in a darksome retreat, from which she

unay never again come forth to reason or to happiness upon this earth.

Young lady, do you lift the social glass and invite some particular and dear friend to drink? Parre, I beseech you; and as your eye takes in its glowing colors, remember that its light is the reflection of the internal fire, which, when kindled in the breast of a man, can never be ex-

A Sermon on "Push.

When Cousin Will was home for yacution the boys always expected plenty of fun. The last frolic before he went back to his studies was a long tramp after bazel nuts.

As they were hurrying along in high glee they came upon a discouraged looking man and a discouraged look-

The cart was standing full of apples, before an orchard. The man was try-ing to pull it up hill to his own house. The boys did not walt to be invited. but ran to help with a good will. "Push, push," was the cry.

The man brightened up; the cart trundled along as fast as rheumatism would do it, and in five minutes they all stood panting at the top of the hill.

"Obliged to ye," said the man; "you wait a minute;" and he hurried into the house, while two or three pinkaproped children peeped out of the

Now boys," said Cousin Will, "this is a small thing, but I wish we could all take a motto out of it, and keep it for life. Push—it is just the world for a world that is as full of work as this is."

"If any body is in trouble, and you see it, don't stand back; push.' "If there is anything good being done in any place where you happen

to be, push. "
"If there is any work going on in the Sanday School, push. Don't drag back, I beg of you. You'll do one or the other." "Whenever there is a kind thing, a Christian thing, a happy thing, a pleasant thing, whether it is your own or not, whether it is at home or in

town, at Church or at school, just help with all your might; push!" At that moment the furmer came out again with a dish of his wife's best doughnuts, and a dish of his own best apples, and that was the end of the little sermon.

Some of the planters in the sugar district of Louisiana, have been experimenting with white labor on the perimenting with waite fator on the share system, and are highly pleased with the result. One planter in the parish of St. Mary has twenty-one field hands, all white, at work, and they will make over sixty hogsheads of sugar and fifteen barrels of Molasses to the hand, besides raising enough corn for their own use. Where white men have worked side by side with negroes they were no more affected by the heat than the latter, and it was found that the negroes accomplished more labor than when working by

A Peeria man was attacked and knocked down by a wild steer, which ing great musen seized the horns and with all his force twisted the steer's neek and threw him. He then jumped up and ran, but his flight was needless, as the steer was found dead the next morning just where he was thrown, his neck having been broken.

The woman-women have hit upon a new idea which they believe is destinsed to sweep social vice from the face of the earth. The plan is to have the General Government pass a law pro-viding that all persons who live together, even for five minutes, as man and write, shall be deemed to have contracted marriage, and shall be sub-ject to all the duties. Babilities and penalties of the marriage relation.

TEMPERANCE AND LONG LIFE .-Life insurance statistics prove that if 100,000 intemperate persons from 15 to 70 years of age be compared with in equal number of temperate, 16,907 of the former will die before the age of fifty, and only 5,225 of the latter, making the proportion of the deaths of intemperate persons to temperate as 32 to 10.

A dispatch from Corinne, Utah, dated the 20th says: Trains are all blockaded between Miser and Lookout. The passenger train bound East has been lying at Medleine Bow since 7 o'clock this morning. Several of the engines and a large force of men are at the blockade clearing the track. No trains from the East have passed Med-

Chicago taxes foreign Insurance companies highly, with a view of driving the business into the hands of the home companies, and succeeded in necomplishing that result. The fire came, and the local insurance companles found themselves with \$33,000,000 of losses and \$5,000,000 of assets to meet them with.

The will of the late Major John Sherley, of Muscatine county, Iowa, which was probated the other day, ap-portions \$40,000 worth of property among his wife and six children, and then provides that the heir that coes then provides that the beir that goes to law over the will shall get nothing.

There is a man of immense wealth confined in an insane asylum near Boston, who amuses himself much of the time by piling up and knocking over a stack of gold sovereigns.

AGRICULTURAL.

CURING MEAT.—Every farmer should put down a barrel or half barrel of pickled pork. In stewing chickens and in making chicken pies, a few slices of sweet pork nicely pickled will be found a great addition. So also in July and August fried pickled pork and fried apples make a most appetizing break-fast. And what winter dish is a more acceptable one than baked pork and beans or a bowl of bean soup? So in various ways it will be found that a barrel of pickled pork will come in ex-cellent play, and the good housewife who has it for the flight time will soon wonder how she ever got along without

HOW TO PUT DOWN PICKLED PORK Select two or three healthy and well fattened hogs (we prefer those whose ages are 10 to 14 months, and whose weight average 200 pounds to 200 pounds nett and cut up the clear middings in suitable sized pieces. When properly cooled put a layer of salt at the bottom of the cask, at least one incir-thick, and then pack tightly one layer of clear pork, each piece placed on its edge. Now put salt on again to fill up the interstices between the pieces, and to make another layer of salt over the layer of meat. Then add another layer of pork and another layer of salt successively, till the cask is nearly full. putting over the last layer two inches or so of salt. Now take cold water or so or sair. Now take cold water and make a brine as strong as salt will make it, and pour this brine over the meat, putting in enough to cover the upper layer of meat with the brine.

We have pork in our cellar now that was put up this way a year ago, and which is as hard and as perfectly sweet as any one could possibly desire. The moment it is packed and stowed away it needs no more attention or watch

ing.

The top of the barrel should be made small enough to be put over the meat, with a weight pressing it down. This gives easy access to the pickled pork, and keeps it under the brine. No one need fear using too much salt. Use it lavishly, and, when the meat is all gone, take the brine and scatter it over the manure heaps just as it is beover the manure heaps just as it is being hauled out to the field. Used in this way, it will be worth to the farmer all that it cost him; especially itapplied where early corn or early pota-toes are being planted, to be followed by turnips. Land that has been dressed with salted manure has been put in grand preparation for a crop of turnips.

FOUNDER IN HORSES .- Take a table spoonful of pulverized alum, pull the horse's tongue out of his month as far as possible, and throw the alum down his throat; let go his tongue and hold up his head until he swallows. In six hours' time (no matter how bad the founder) he will be fit for moderate service. Thave seen this remedy tested so often with perfect success that I would not make five dollars difference in a horse foundered (if done recently and one that was not. Hoof Rot in Houses.--Hoof rot is

sometimes caused by bruises or wounds sustained by the foot in traveling over hard, rough roads. Among other causes of this disease is that of permitting the shoe to remain on too long, or keeping the horse constantly shod, and also by compelling him to stand in a wet, unwholesome stable. The dis-case may be easily recognized by the appearance of the feet, which are dry and chalky, and this should be remov-ed by being dug out with a kulfe or chisel. As the disease progresses the frog of the foot becomes diadni-hed in attempted to pin him to the ground.

Arog of the foot becomes diminished in size, and if the horse remains standing tween the man's body and arms. Posfor any length of time the joints be-come swollen. In case both feet are diseased the horse will advance first one foot than the other; his steps will also be short, plainly indicating the screness of the feet. To effect a cure the bottom of the feet should be thoroughly cleansed off, and the chalky matter dug out, the sides of the hoof, and also the frog should be pared down. and then the bottom of the foot should be washed with corrosive liniment three or four mornings in succession, drying it well with a hot iron. This course of treatment should then be omitted for two days, and then continued as before until a cure is effect-

A pullet hatched early in the spring begins to lay at the approach of win-ter, and pullets hatched late in summer begin to lay in the ensuing spring; and it is by saving a certain proportion of pullets from the early and late broods that you make sure of winter eggs, a few very early hatched chick-ens for catching the highest markets, and a numerous flock of chickens in the warm months, when rearing is leastprecarious.

SENATOR NYE'S LAST .- Scene in a far Western State. A village composed mostly of rude mining faits called "houses," "cottages," "taverns, "etc., though really they were but shantles. An old man sick on his bed. A friend, Governor J.". W. Nye, seeing his end was close at hand, showed his many kind attentions and endeavored to ease his suffering in every possible way. One day when it was quite evident that the poor patient could only list a few hours, the Governor said to him:

"Davis, it is undoubtedly best that you should know the truth; you are a very sick man, and will in all probability live but a short time. Are your affairs in a condition that you would like to have them? I should be glad to do anything for you, you know, "Yes, they're all right."

"Well, would you like me to write to any of your folks East?" "No, not now—after it is over."
"Would you like me to call in a minister?"

The sick man, by a great effort of will over a weak and shattered body, drew himself up in a sitting posture, and sternly, most soberly, and carnestly, said: "Why, Governor, what should I want a minister for? I never roted the Democratic ticket in my life.

Tables have been prepared at the Tree-my Department showing the de-falcations of Collectors of Internal Rev-From these it appears that the amount under Lincoln was \$707,746; under Johnson, \$1,817,223, and under Grant, \$135,186.

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