BY MRS. E. J. RICHMOND.

Nestling among the green hills of hills of hills of hills of hills of hills in Central New York, is a pretty little village, whose schools and churches give evidence of intelligence and thrift. It looks just the spot the weary city denizens would select for a retreat during the heated summer months; and were it not for the one plague-pot upon its beauty, would reem an earthly paradise. Here and there along the pleasant rural streets, may be seen the guilded word "saloon," whose definition is more damning than any other word in the English vocabulary. There are other pretentious buildings of a similar character, where riot sometimes holds high way along at nominar. high sway even at noonday. These are yelept hotels. They commence the work of death which the saloon usually completes.

Issuing from one of these, I saw a man come staggering, with red, bloat-ed face, and the most besotted expres-sion I ever witnessed on a human countenance.

"Who is that wretched creature?" I asked of the friend who accompanied

I asked of the friend who accompanied me, an old resident of the village. "That? Why, it is Tom Logan, son of old Dr. Logan. I thought every-body knew him." "But you see you were mistaken, my good friend," said I. "Would you naind telling me some of his his-tory? He is certainly the saddest wreck of a man I ever saw, and I would like to know how he became

"If you were to see how and where "If you were to see how and where he lives, you would think stranger still. His room is in a stable, and he cuts by himself. His habits are so flithy no one could endure him at the table; and yet he was an intelligent boy, the son of the best physician this town ever had. His mother was a lady. She died before he got so low. His sister is Mrs. ——, an estimable lady, wife of one of the first men in the town."

"How can she bear it?" I asked.
"It has almost crushed the life out
of her, poor woman! Many is the
time, since the father and mother died, time, since the lather and mother deed, the has come at her with an ax, swearing he would kill ber, and he would have been as good as his word, had she not left him. His property is tied up, so he will be cared for, but cannot spend it, and her friends insisted she local here him as her periling her sociates; and Joseph him as her periling her sociates. should leave him, as her periling her life could do him no good." "But what made him such a de-

mon?" I asked.
"Whisky," said my friend. "The
old story. When he was a little child,
wine and brandy were always on his father's sideboard, according to the customs of the day. Tom was always fond of drinking what the visitors left in their glasses; but the work of ruin may be traced more directly to Dea-

con Golden's distillery?"
"A deacon's distillery?" I said in-

"A deacou's distillery?" I said incredulously.

"Yes, child," said he. "You must remember that everybody drank a fittle in those days. Making and selling whisky wasn't looked upon as it is now. Dr. Logan and his wife no more thought of forbidding their little boy going to the distillery than they would to the village store; yet there he got the appetite which ruined him. When he has drunk "just enough," he is very funny and comical; and the hands thought it grand tun to get him partly drunk and see him perform."

"Just enough was what ruined poor Tom, then?" said I. "Was his moth-er asleep or dead, that her only boy could be led away by these cruel

"I should think one drop was too much. If it leads to such a fate," said I: "but about the deacon's distillery.
Did he give it up when he saw how
much mischief it was doing?"

"Well, the deacon grew richer, and the meu who bought the whisky, poorer. That distillery swallowed up many a fine house, and farm, and beg-gared many a family, richer than the deacon's, to my certain knowledge. Finally, temperance societies began to be formed, and the deacon and his family joined, and he gave up the old distillery; but that didn't bring back the dead, nor give back the homes that had been swallowed up by the whisky-vats.'

"No; and the stain is left upon this beautiful village yet," said I. "If any men were deliberately to set themselves to work to torture and to destroy their fellow-creatures, there is no way they can do it so effectually as by the making and vending of alco-hol."—Temperanes Advocate,

Mexican women of the wealthier classes use as ornaments live fireflies which emit a bright phosphorescent light. In order to catch these bugs the Indians fasten a live coal to a stick, and move it to and fro in the dark. The enenjo thinks this a rival, in his anger darts towards it, and finds the grave of his liberty in the hands of the trapper. they are bought at two reals (twenty-five cents) per dozen.

They are kept in elegant little cages, fed on slices of sugar cane, and bathed twice a day. In the evening they are put into little racks, shaped like roses, and attached to the ladies' dresses. The light these bugs emit surpasses in brilliancy the reflection of the purest diamonds. The daily bath they receive is necessary, as without it they would emit no light,

"Free Lunch."

BY MRS, NELLIE H. BRADLEY.

"I say, Joe, let's go in and get some this "tree lunch," said Clement Wilson to his companion.
"What go into a whisky-shop for

"Not for Joe, not for Joe, No, no, no, sir! not for Joe, sir!" And he shook his head very decided-

ly.
"But, Joe, it's a very nice saloon, not at all like the rest of the low places about here; where's the harm?"
"You are right my young friend,"
said the bar-keeper, who had heard
Clems last remark. We keep a firstclass establishment, and the very best
people patronize us. Walk in; now
do."

"Will you walk into my parlor? said the Spider to the Fly." sung out Joe derisively. "No. I

said the Spider to the Fly, "sung out Joe derisively, "No. I thank you, Mr. Spider. Come on. Clem; I'm asiamed to be seen loafing in front of a llquor-shop, parley-vooing with a rum-seller."

"And I am asiamed of you for beling so rule and ill-mannered!" exclaimed Clement. "You can do as you please, but I'm going in." And in he went, while Joe went on his way young and sorry.

vexed and sorry.

Clement found the lanch of cheese,

crackers, and pickles very good; but on I. ok ag around, saw that every one had a glass of some kind of liquor, and it occurred to him, for the first time, that all who partook of the lunch were expected to patronize the bar. Now, he had never drank any thing in his life except wine, and that not very often, but he thought it would appear near not to do as others did; so, in a low voice and with a flush of shame, he called for a glass of alc, and paid for it. He did not intend to drink it, but only to sip a very little and leave the rest; but, somehow, before he bad finished his giass was empty, and his head, unacustomed to even this light stimulant, felt decidedly queer,

As he went out, there was a tri-maphant smile on the bar-keeper's

"Free lunch is a fine bait for young-"Free little is a fine but for young-sters, and they get to be very profita-ble as they grow older." he said to his clerk with a chuckle and a grin. "We've got the old topers safe enough, and it's the young chaps we must at-tend to, or these tectotal fellows may my aband of us."

get ahead of us."

Clement get into the labit of dropping in to "free lunch" very often, in company with boys who were evil associates; and Joe heard him spoken of as "going down-hill," and being a "fast boy," and he felt sorry enough for his old playmate.

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Joe was a very fearless boy, though but sixteen, and he resolved that he would try and do something for Clem, if possible; so one day he marched into the saloon, and walked up to the

into the saloon, and walked up to the bar as boldly as if everything belonged to him. There stood Clement and several others, manching cheese and crackers, and drinking something that was certainly not water.

A poor, miserable-looking man, with ragged clothes and red eyes, who looked hungry and wretched enough, put out his shaking hand, and eagerly sizing a piece of cheese and a cracker, began to cat rayenously.

"See here, old dead-beat, do you

"See here, old dead-beat, do you think I'm going to board you for nothing?" asked the saloon-keeper. "This is the third time you've been in and helped yourself to luach without spending a cent at the bar. I guess you haven't got any thing to cat at home, have you?" he continued, with a lateful sneer.

"Send it to the editor, of course." "But what are you going to send it to the editor for?"
"Cause he says if anybody will send him a club, he will send them a copy of his paper."
The mother came pretty near fainting, but retained consciousness enough to ask:
"But. Tommy, dear, what do you a lateful sneer.

"Oh! she didn't think," said my friend. "It came on gradually—the free lunch here, and washed it down, friend. "It came on gradually—the dreadful appetite—and no one suspected anything wrong, till poor Tom came home raving drunk, and threatened to kill his sister. When he has drank too much, he is very ngly, and is determined to kill somebody."

If should think one dran was too. The sum of the sum and now you begrudge me a morsel of bread and cheese. People who eat free lunch will find it awful dear in the end, and I think I'd starve before I'd eat here again." And the poor, wretched drunkard went away hungry and priservible. and miserable.

and miserable.

"You see now what all you free lunch! fellows are coming to," spoke out Joe manfully; and I've come to tell you," turning to the bar-heeper, "that if you don't stop selling fliptor to boys, I'll have you arrested, for you know the law forbids it."

"If you don't leave quickly, I'll help you out with the toe of my boot!" yelled the man.

"Mr. Spider, I'm sorry to see so many poor files cought in your web;

many poor flies caught in your web; but here's one intends to get out before it's too late, don't you Clem?" And, taking his friend's arm, they went out, leaving the man swearing and the lunchers laughing at Joe's sau-

cy coolness.

The next day they went by the saloon both singing saucily,

"Will you walk into my parior? said the Spider to the Fly;" and Clem never indulged in a free lunch again.

SHERIDAN one day when coming back from shooting with an empty bag, did not like to go home completely empty handed, and seeing a number of ducks in a pond, and a farmer leaving on a rail watching them, he said; "What will you take for a shot at the ducks?" The Indians find ready sale for them in the larger cities, where they are bought at two reals (twenthey are bought at twenthey are bought at twenthey are bought at twenthey at twenthey are bought at twenthey at twenthey are bought at twenthey at the bought at twenthey dan, and he fired into the midst of the ducks, killing a dozen. "I'm afraid you have made a bad bargain," said Sheridan. "Well, I don't know," said the man, "they weren't mine."

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