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BY OLIVES WENDELL BOIMES.

Blowly the mist o'er the mesdow was creeping, Bright on the dewy buds glistened the sun When from his couch, while his children w sleeping, Rose the bold rebel and shouldered his gun.

Rose the bold rebei and shouldered his gun. Waving her golden vall Over the silent dale, Bische looked the merning on cettage and spire; Hushed was his parting sigh, While from his noble eye Flashed the last sparkle of liberty's fire,

On the smooth green where the fresh leaf is spring

ing, Calmly the first-born of glory have met; Hark! the death-volley around them is ringing ! Look; with their life-blood the young grass is wet Faint is the feeble breath, Murmuring low in death, Tell to our soms how their fathers have died;" Nerveless the iron hand, Nerveless the iron hand, Raised for its native land, Lies by the weapon that gleams at its side

Gver the hillsides the wide knell is tolling, From their far hamlets the yeomanry come As through the sterns-cloud the thunder control of the mustering drum.

Fast on the solder's path, Darken the waves of wrath. Long have they gathered and loud shall they fall; Rod glares the musket's flash, Sharp rings the rifle's crush, Blaring and clanging from thicket and wall.

Gayly the plume of the horseman was dancing, Never to shadow his cold brow again; Proudly at morning the war stead was prancing, Reeking and panting he droops on the rein; Fale is the lip of scorn, Volceless the trumpet horn, Torn is the silken-fringed red cross on high; Many a belied breast Low on the turf shall rest Ere the dark hunters the herd have passed by.

Snow-girdled crags where the hoarse wind is raving Snow-girdled crags where the hoarse wind is raving, Nocks where the weary floods -murmur and wail, Wilds where the fern by the furrow is waving, Beeled with the echoes that rode on the gale ; Far as the tempest thrilis Over the darkened hills,
Par as the sunshine streams over the plain, Roused by the tyrant band, Woke all the mighty land,
Girded for battle, from mountain to main.
Green be the graves where her martyrs are lying !

udless and tombless they sunk to their rest,-Shroudless and tomoless they sume to their rest,— While ofer their ashes the starry fold flying Wraps the proud cagle they roused from his nest. Borne on her Northern pine, Long ofer the foaming brine, Spread her broad banner to storm and to sun;

Heaven keep her ever free, Wide as o'er land and sea, Floats the fair emblem her heroes have won !

THE WIFE'S RESOLUTION.

"Yes, it must be done. I am resolved upon it," said the young wife, as she clasped her slender fingers. "'I must be careful in carrying out my resolution, for nothing else can save my husband from the fate of other members of the family-and oh ! such a fate !" she continued, burying her face in her hands, as if she would shut out the remembrance of something terrible. " Can it be that I am destined to become the wife of a I am destined to become the wife of a drunkard?" she exclaimed, after a pause. Is this pleasant home," she added, ooking around the tastefully furnished apartment, "to be exchanged for the wretched dwelling of an inebriate, and my kind, warm-hearted husband to become-oh! no, no! Father in Heaven, avert this threatening calamity ! Send suffering and sorrow, if Thou seest they are needed, to purify our souls from the dross of earth, but spare us, oh, God, from sin and degradation. They surely cannot be necessary ; then grant me to avert them," and rising from her luxurious couch, she passed from her parlor into an elegant dining-room beyond. husband will be displeased at first, "My and his father and brothers will ridicule me, and call me mean; but my husband is dearer to me than even my own reputation, and I must endure even his anger for the sake of saving him;" and with men. trembling hands, but unflinching will, the lovely bride removed the decanters of choice liquors from the sideboard, and preparing some lemonade most carefully,

then

"Try and save my husband," she added meekly but fervently. "To save me! You are vastly kind. From what?" "From poor Fred's fate," she said faintly, blinded by the tears that could the whole: not be held back. "I thank you for the compliment. So you think me in danger of becoming life has reason to fear it is apoplexy. such a miserable sot ; but I hope I have Although statistical evidence is wanting, such a miserable sot ; but I hope I have too much pride if nothing else, to keep me from degrading myself thus." "At your age, he did not think the same? A few years ago, did he not look as fair as you, did he not think himself as strong? And what is he now—where is his manliness and beauty of which he was so proud? His face haunted me all night, and I dreamed of his proken-hearted wife and his poor children. hearted wife and his poor children, blighted in their youth by their own parent. O James ! the Bible says truly, wine is a mocker,' and so long as we the great irregularity of blood distributamper with the poison, we have no right to say, 'we are safe.' Those only are secure who obey the exhortation to 'touch not, taste not, handle not;' and I to exclude wine from our dinner-table affected than any other, and the physiand from our social parties?" " Believing it to be dangerous, I do."

"Then you would force your husband to visit the drinking-saloon or the tavern | almost alone implicated. for the refreshment which you deny him at home."

" Does my husband mean to insinuate that he is already such a slave to the ex-citement of liquors that he can not do brightness and exhilaration. Effects so without them ?'

Angrily he started to and fro, mutter-

exhilarating wine-cup. She had often heard in her girlhood of the evils of in-temperance, but she fancied they existed only among the lower classes, the dregs of society. Until she became an inmate of that family, she dreamed not that the highly educated, the refined, degraded selves to the level of the brute by first sipping rosy wine from shining liquor-cups or sparkling crystal goblets. Free, generous livers they were called, exercising a whole-souled hospitality to all, while none who came within the circle could fail to be fascinated with their charming manners. Alas! the poor young wife saw that they were only genial when under the influence of excitement, and even those lovely girls, her new sisters, sought to be lively and fascinating. When she saw their beauti-ful eyes sparkle with unwonted brilliancy, the bloom grow deeper, and heard the flashes of wit, she turned away in sadness, saying, "Alas! alas! what lovely victims!" The father could dispose of bottle after bottle without losin g his con trol, but not so with his children. Persons occasionally wondered that their ani-mal spirits should lead them to such excess; but there were times when she could not help but knowing what ailed those polite, refined young men and wo-

On festive occasions, the wife began to watch her husband anxiously. Sometimes he poured out and drank d then the with a sort of reckless air, old and weak, would work them at a low pressure. Men must carry out the same unsteadiness of his hand or the gleam of his eye would startle her; and once, but simple mechanical principle when there once, she shrank from his ardent only is reason to believe that the vessels of kiss, feeling that he was inflated with wine rather than pure affection. She the brain are getting weak and brittle. * * * A stroke of apoplexy occurs frequently after eating a full meal. tried to forget that time, or to fancy it a As soon as old age puts a decided check on the amount of daily exercise, it is time to put a decided check on the amount of food daily consumed. The dream, but she could not. The name of the oldestson, Frederick, was seldom mentioned by any of the him in her accustomed place, her trem-bling limbs almost refused to bear their was seldom mentioned by any a the family, and the day previous to the com-mencement of this sketch, she underkind of food best adapted to keep down stood the reason why. Then he came reeling along into her home, more beast superfluous blood is the vegetable. The true rule is not to eat to entire satiety. The visitor seemed struck with the beauty of the young wife's face, but replied gayly, "You might think so now, because your honeymoon is scarcely over. Wait a bit, my friend, until her wishes come into collision, and then you more that the provide the provi than man. Even those of younger years and seden-tary habits will feel lighter and better in

Apoplexy. A very interesting article in the Popu

lar Science Monthly for April we con-dense for the benefit of our readers, regretting that space cannot be given to If there is any one disease that the diligent brain-worker a little past middle

cian also knows that when symptoms of disorder arise from their use they are such as denote that the nervous system is Ardent spirits also tend to produce an

overfullness of the cerebral vessels, and to affect the functions of the brain in a

she was right; and while she realized of this impairment may not be felt im-her own weakness she trusted in Hun mediately. In fact the original made by the husband and wife

the one that will first manifest signs of disease, and through which death will make its conquest over the body. During sleep the brain is almost bloodless; its substance seems to shrink into a lifeless mass; but the moment that wakefulnes occurs it swells out, gets red, its arteries and veins becoming distended with a great tide of blood. No other part of

the body is subject to such drouths and floods in its circulation. This inequality is still further increased by severe mind labor. The ardent student is well aware that deep thought heats the head and cools the feet. The first apoplectic stroke, as a rule, is not a severe one; a little blood escapes by a tiny rent, the shock to the system slows the action of the heart, the escape of blood ceases, and nature heals the part torn and removes the blood-clot by absorption. Then, as the blood vessels in the brain grow weaker, under a greater tension than ordinary, a larger rent is made allowing the blood to escape in hopeless profusion. Napoleon stood in great drend of this disease, and was told by his medical adviser, "Sire, the first at-

tack is a warning, the second a summons, the third a summons to execution." What is to be done by those who inherit a tendency to apoplexy or whose habits of life predispose them to this disease? Clearly to diminish and keep

the tension on these vessels by the blood at a low rate all the time. A prudent fire-engineer, when his water hose are

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Matrimonial Slavery --- The Estimate of a California Wife.

The following unique card appears in the San Jose (Cal.) Patriot :

All persons are hereby warned not to trust Mary E. Aborns (my wife), as she has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, and I will not pay any bill contracted by her from and after this date. JOHN ABORNS.

San Jose, February 6th, 1875. Mrs. Aborns now comes to the front and makes the following statement in reply to the above "warning" by her non

crediting liege lord: The above notice now appears daily in the San Jose *Patriot*. Why am I thus published to the world? And what hu-man being on earth has the right to do it? Let us look at the facts. I have been the wife of John Aborns about ten years, and lived with him during the whole of the time—the prime of my life. That makes 3,650 days. During that time I have cooked about 10,000 meals of victuals, set the table as many times, cleared it off and washed the dishes. During those ten years I have spent between ten and fifteen thousand hours over a red-hot cooking stove, both in summer and winter. I have cleared up and swept his house for him over ten thousand times. During that ten years I have borne to him six children, five of them now living, the youngest two and a half years old. Besides the pains and anxieties incident to child-birth (which every

mother knows) what steps, cares and troubles (to say nothing of sickness and anxious thoughts for my children) it has cost me to bring them up, it is impossible manner which strangely blend stupidity, brightness and exhilaration. Effects so unnatural and so frequently ending in disease, influence injuriously the putrie Angrily he started to and fro, mutter-ing "fanatic," and some other words we will not repeat. The wife retired to her chamber weep-ing, but not disheartened. She felt that she was right; and while she realized her own weakness, she trusted in Him who said, "My Grace is sufficient for thee." mediately. In fact the evidences of im-pairment by any bad habit are seldom apparent during the prime of youthful vigor. But the mischief is going on, fearfully to the danger of sleeping on the the weight of infringement falls will be have mikked, on a average, three cows have milked, on a average, three cows twice a day, which will make about 7,000 milkings, besides taking care of the milk and making butter from it. I have, during the whole of that time, attended to the poultry, and often have assisted Mr. Aborns in loading hay, sewing sacks, and even cleaning out stables. Now, I have drawn the picture very mildly. I have made allowance for my sickness, when I have had help, something after the fashion that a farmer would hire a horse if his own was sick and unable to work. I had nothing when I went there, and have nothing at the end of these ten years of servitude. I have lived, it is true, and was moderately furnished with clothing. This is all for my labor. What man is there in the world that would do the work that I have done for the same compensation? I make this statement not out of any feeling of rerenge to Mr. Aborns, for he has only lone what hundreds of others have done. In many respects he is a good man, in-dustrious, and like hundreds—yea, thou-sands—honest with every one except his own family. I dhoose to live with him no longer; my reasons are my own, and I say again what right has he to impair my credit by publishing me? In the name of all that is just I solemnly protest against it. MARY E. ABORN

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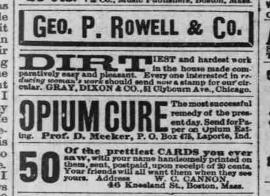
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bing innos aniost refused to bear the light burden. "Wife, this is my friend, Mr. Orms-bury," said the proud husband. "Orms-bury, this is Mrs. K.—, the loveliest, gentlest wife in all the land." The visitor seemed struck with the

come into collision, and then you may change the adjective to a more significant one."

"Nay, my veriest whims are law to lovely woman, whose hearthe had broken, her, and I am not afraid of her setting up her wishes in opposition to mine." and hear her whisper, "Your husband is following in the footsteps of mine ; oh ! "Except for our own good," said the wife, softly; but she only said aloud, "Your friend will stay and take a social

supper with us.' Not to-night, I thank you."

prognostication of swaying it over her husband," and laughing merrily, she left the room. Surely that salver borne by the servant who had returned with her was sufficiently tempting; and those rich cakes and basket of choice fruit, and that silver pitcher of lemonade ought to ment between them, a

"Far better if they had," said the wife unconsciously, wringing her hands. "O James ! this omission sprang from no momentary freak, no woman's caprice; but from earnest resolution to---" "What ?"

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No wonder the spectacle haunted her dreams that night, as she would fancy herself at the death-bed of that once

stop him !" Not long after the wife's resolution was

formed, the young couple wished to give a dinner-party to all their relatives, and as it was the first in their own house, "Do give us that pleasure." they wished to convey very pleasant ideas "I should like to afford myself that easure, but, unhappily, a business en-

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Little did they or Fluellen dream how real and painful were the tears Pistol was shedding, as he ejaculated. "I eat—I eat—I swear," adding in an

undertone to Thorne : "Damn it ! Thorne ! this is no joke, this is a real leek ! Thorne could hardly For a time, there was a serious estrange

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