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Little by Little.

"Again, it is so in the formation of bad habits. Take the habit of lying. A man begins with what is called a white lie, and after a while there is no limit to his falsehood. So in the habit of using tobacco. There is no danger of my being personal in my remarks, for you all use it. I quit that habit because it made my hand tremble, and I too easily lost my patience, and I thought I had no right to do anything that would make my hand tremble or make me lose my patience. But we all know how hard it was to get the habit, how sick it made us at the start. You begin, perhaps, with a cigar which your father or some minister has thrown away, and you have gone on till you are a slave to a habit which is ruinous to any man of nervous temperament. How gradually you came on toward it! There are hundreds of men in this house to-day who would confess that the habit is injurious to them, but somehow they cannot stop. How, my brother, did you get this bondage on you? In one day? In one hour? No, "By little and little." So with the habit of intemperance. The first day a man don't go and wallow in the ditch. If he is well off he begins with sparkling champagne or lively Chiequot or 3 X's. Now in the midnight, while trying to kill the snakes on his delirious pillow, he cries out to the doctor to give him rum. O young man! stand off from the beginning of evil. Though you should charge me with a Hibernism, I will risk it, and say: Stop before you start. You say: "I mingle with evil associates, and yet I am not contaminated." But if you stand anywhere near them you will get splashed with mire and pollution and moral dirt. This panther of evil habits has a velvet coat and sleek skin, and comes softly through the night to a man's temptation, and squats before the soul. But if you have felt the clutch of his claw and sharp cut of his teeth, God pity you. Remember we may not only go down gradually ourselves, but take others with us, little by little. A minister of the gospel stood in a reform meeting, and he was showing how that a man might take strong drink moderately and yet do right, and how the head of a family might have strong drink on his dining-table and yet do right in all this matter; and after he had made a powerful and eloquent argument, he sat down in the pulpit. Then an aged man arose in the audience and said: "I have a broken heart. I have buried my only son. He started life with beautiful prospects. He is today in a drunkard's grave, and when he was dying he told me that he started that awful habit at the table of a Christian clergyman, and that Christian clergyman is the man who just sat down in the pulpit! Oh! may God keep us from ruin, and keep us from taking others to ruin." —T. De Witt Talmage.

The Patriot's Medicine.

An old man of over fourscore years, afflicted with a disease for which he had been advised by a doctor to use liquor internally as a medicine, was presented with a temperance pledge. After reading it, he said: "This is a thing that will serve our country, and I'll sign it."

"No," said one, "you must not sign it, because drink is necessary as a medicine."

"I know I have used it as such," he replied, "but if something is not done our country will be ruined. I will not be accessory to its ruin; I'll sign it."

"Then," said another, "you will die."

"Well, said the old man, in the true spirit of a patriot, "for my country I can die."

He signed the pledge, gave up his medicine, and the disease fled away. It was the "remedy" that had kept up the disease, and when he removed the one he was relieved of the other.

SAW MILL BURNED.—The saw mill at Parkersburg, on the Coquille river, says the Coos Bay News, was burned last Saturday. A heavy wind had been blowing during the forenoon, and due caution was observed by the men in and around the mill to prevent danger from sparks from the sawdust pile. About noon the wind shifted around so as to blow directly from the sawdust pile to the mill, and at 1:30 o'clock the roof of the building took fire, and in a short time the structure was burned to the ground. The ship yard, close by, in which a vessel is at present being built, narrowly escaped a similar fate. The machinery and running gear are a total loss, and also a new planing machine which was lately added. The loss is estimated at \$15,000. No insurance.

A Boise dispatch of the 20th says: Walter Coffin was shot and probably killed yesterday by a man named J. T. Cattner, in the Fayette valley. Coffin joined the Sheriff of Union, Or., O. P. Goodells, in the pursuit of Cattner, who helped to commit a double murder recently in that county. Coffin was shot under the eye, at a short distance. The ball ranged up through the head, and he was unconscious from the first. Parties have gone to bring him in. Cattner escaped, but may be captured.

A new field seems to have been opened for the impudent Indian. Circus men on the Pine Ridge reservation trying to get some ugly Sioux braves to join their company. Loafing and plenty of gin ought to suit the average Indian, while posing for public admiration in a pursuit in which his great vanity makes him an adept.

Sheriff's Sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT by virtue of an Execution duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lane, by the Clerk thereof and to me directed, on to-wit: March 25th, 1883, upon a Judgment and decree of foreclosure rendered in said court April 12th, 1882, in favor of G. E. Christian, plaintiff, and against J. B. Underwood and M. I. Underwood, his wife, John Whittaker, Geo. E. Wray, Eugene Real Estate Company, J. L. Larmer, administrator of the estate of James Goodell, dead, and W. W. Thayer, R. P. Earhart and E. Hirsch, Board of Commissioners for the sale of school lands and the management of the common school fund for the State of Oregon, defendants, for the sum of three thousand four hundred and ninety-four and 16-100 dollars (\$3,494.16) and for costs and disbursements and expenses of sale, and for the foreclosure of the mortgaged premises described as follows, to-wit: Commencing 27 feet North of the Southeast corner of Lot 7 in Block No. 8 in Skinner's original donation in Lane County, Oregon, now in the City of Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, the said point being the center of the North wall of the building known as the old Stone Store, situated on the corner of Eighth and Williamette streets, in said city, running thence North 273 feet, thence East 50 feet, thence South 273 feet, thence West through the center of said North wall 80 ft. to place of beginning commanding me to levy upon and sell the above described mortgaged premises and all the right, title and interest J. B. Underwood and M. I. Underwood, his wife, had or held therein at the date of the execution of said mortgage, to-wit: January 8, 1878, pursuant to said decree.

Now therefore by virtue of said execution and to satisfy said judgment, with interest thereon at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from April 10, 1882, together with costs and accruing costs, I will sell the above described mortgaged premises at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, at the Court House door in Eugene City, Lane County, Oregon, on

Monday, the 20th day of April, 1883,

At the hour of one o'clock P.M. of said day. J. B. CAMPBELL,
Sheriff of Lane Co., Or.
Dated March 21, 1883.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of H. A. Stevens, deceased, has filed his account for final settlement, and that Monday, the 7th day of May, 1883, has been fixed by the court for hearing objections thereto, if any, and the settlement thereof.

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