

An Absurd Custom Denounced.

A number of "influential members" of the Brooklyn Club recently held a meeting, at which the system of what is denominated "treating" was denounced in the most vigorous terms.

The gentlemen responsible for this circular make the points that the system complained of is pernicious, for the reasons:

- 1. That it encourages excessive drinking.
2. That it encourages a spirit of recklessness and imprudence.
3. It encourages "sitting around."

While it may be true, as stated, that those engaged in this movement have taken action entirely superfluous as far as they are concerned, still the stand they take in behalf of their fellow-men deserves consideration.

Among such clubs as the Brooklyn, however, the anti-treating movement is likely to receive a cordial support. But before it makes any headway in the hotels and saloons of the country a new style of bar will have to be introduced.

A Dangerous Play. Never play at mock marriages; it is a dangerous experiment. Not long ago there was a church wedding, as large and fashionable as could be desired.

His Own Executioner. A remarkable case of lynching occurred at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the 12th instant. A man named Dug Reed, obnoxious particularly to the citizens, was taken out of jail.

The Wicked Book Agent. A clever fellow, an expert in the calling, rang the door bell, and soon the lady of the house was before him.

A professor of ventilation" down east, being put into a room at a hotel with another guest, asked the latter to raise a window at night, as the air was so close.

One man enjoys what he has. Another suffers what he has not.

Old Maids and Old Bachelors.

Old maids are useful. They can cook, sew and take care of the children, nurse sick people, and generally play the piano.

Old maids are amiable. If one wants anything done that requires patience and kindness of heart, a single lady is sure to be the one to do it.

Old bachelors are ill-natured. They snub children, despise babies, and hate young mothers, and are always so busily employed in seeing that other people take good care of them, that they have not a moment to give to any one else.

Old maids are nice looking and "young for their years." Old bachelors generally have red noses, rheumatism in their knees, bald heads, and mouths that turn down at the corners.

Old maids can make a home of one little room and cook delicious meals for one over the gas-jet in a cunning little tin kettle, besides making their own wardrobes.

Old bachelors need an army of waiters, waitresses, distant relatives and hotel landlords to keep them comfortable. When old maids are ill they tie up their heads in pocket-handkerchiefs, take homoeopathic pellets out of two bottles, alternately, and get well again.

Old maids drink weak tea, and it cures their headaches.

Old bachelors drink strong liquor, which gives them headaches.

Old maids are modest; they think their life is over and their beauty gone. If, after a while, some amiable love is given them, they take it as a sort of miracle, and hope people will not laugh at them for "marrying so late in life."

Old bachelors believe that all women are in love with them, and that they must carefully guard themselves from traps laid to inveigle them into matrimony.

Old maids are kind, and they are kind to all. They are fondly cherish the belief that should they eventually become married men, they would expect them to exhibit great taste in women by their choice, and that the other fellows will laugh if their portion be not tender youth and beauty; also, that when they marry, many women will expire of jealousy.

Freezing a Wife.

Young husbands, as soon as the matrimonial noose is tied, leave off by degrees all those nice little civilities and attentions which made you so pleasant and agreeable to your lady loves in the days of courtship.

Are Rattlesnakes Poison Proof? On Tuesday last a colored man went rushing into Scott's store stating that he had "treed a rattlesnake" in a gopher hole.

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If he gets sick he stands and wonders whether it is a right or left handed mower, and why it wasn't made to run itself.

If a rap on the window admonishes the thief of time, he buckles right down to business and rushes the mower over four brick bats, a hoop and several coal clinkers, and then comes an examination of the knives.

Let a boy get in the shade with a good brace for his back, and he can examine a lawnmower from basement to garret in about half an hour.

A good boy can do this in about fifteen minutes, and he can put in ten more looking across the street at a whitewashed fence and a cat.

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