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The Federal statistics show that there are in the United States 600,000 persons daily incapacitated for labor by reason of liquor. This number includes the drunkards, the insane, the criminals, and paupers dragged down to these classes by the direct and recognized influence of using intoxicating drinks. At \$1 a day in a year of 300 days these 600,000 persons, placed *hors du travail* by the drinking habit, could have earned \$180,000,000, which, added to the other totals of money cost, and the loss of the service of the army of makers and sellers, estimating these services on the wage basis only, amount to the aggregate of \$1,171,291,518 per annum.

"This vast sum," writes Mrs. Thompson, "is \$23 per capita for every man, woman and child in the country. It is nearly equal to our entire gold, silver, and paper circulation combined. It would build and equip 30,000 miles of railroad; pay the cost of the public schools for fifteen years; erect and maintain 12,000 colleges; send out and support 1,200,000 missionaries; pay the entire national debt of the country, national, State and municipal, in less than four years; construct 600 first-class ocean steamers; erect and maintain 7,750 hospitals, libraries, or homes for the aged; provide one-third of the people in the United States with homesteads of 160 acres each; run the Post-office Department for thirty-four years; support the navy for seventy-five years; pay our foreign consular service for 1,725 years; purchase at \$7 a barrel, 167,327,359 barrels of flour, and pay the salary of the President of the United States for 23,425 years!"

**The Good Fellow's Wife.**

Each man about town knows the good fellow, but how many ever see the good fellow's wife? Come, surprise her on some Wednesday when a club dinner has taken the good fellow away from home to enliven the "Jolly Boys" reunion. Her dinner consists of sandwiches left over from lunch, for it is "cook's afternoon out," and better is a cold sandwich and quiet than a hot roast with additional backache—tired woman's constant companion. The good fellow's wife must scrimp herself at home that champagne may flow where the "Jolly Boys" dine. "One must not be called stingy, my dear, it would be ruin." reiterates the good fellow, until his helpmeet becomes indeed the biblical spare-rib in her well-meaning efforts to assist her lord's interests.

Perhaps you would rather surprise her when the good fellow has telegraphed ten minutes before his arrival that he intends bringing half a dozen strangers home to dinner. Dazed with hurried preparations, her servants with hinderance than help, red with table setting and culinary endeavors, she sits silent at the foot of the table, eating little and often inattentive to her guests from a too sensible solicitude for their comfort. "What a dummy poor Tom has married," says his laughing friend. "But brilliant men usually wed fools," he thinks, as he smooths his silk hat when going away.

Tom is a good fellow. There's no mistake about that down town, where he dines and wines, and shows his strong white teeth in hearty laughter. His wife was a good fellow, too, the boys at home used to think, before Tom married her. Of course she is peevish, she has no club dinners, nothing but a succession of worrying servants and encounters with lunksters and teething children, to vary the monotony of her sunless days. She is a good fellow's wife, and the glory of possessing a rollicking husband should be her universal panacea. Tom does not maltreat his wife. He is simply careless and thoughtless, reserving his brilliancy for down town and his headaches for home.

He knows that George Eliot says: "The best pillow for the head of a genius is soft, yielding female mediocrity," and therefore because he wants his pillow soft he reduces his wife to that most subservient condition. The good fellow makes his companions laugh, but the good fellow's wife provokes a sigh and sometimes a tear from those of her own sex who pause to consider her too common lot.—[Philadelphia News.]

A sleep-walker at Charleston jumped from a window fifteen feet high, walked a mile, and robbed a barn of a harness before he woke up. It wouldn't take him long to get rich if he was as smart as that when he was awake.—[Burlington Free Press.]

**Young Widows.**  
As the custom of early marriage, or rather infant marriage, is widely prevalent in India, there is seen a vast number of virgin widows here. You might frequently see girls of two or three years married to boys of seven or eight, and many of them becoming widows soon after their marriage. So the number of virgin widows under fifteen is very large. In the last census taken in India the number of such widows in India was estimated to be about two-thirds of the whole number of widows. It is the presence of this large number of infant and girl widows that make the custom of perpetual widowhood the more appalling.

The life a widow leads is very miserable. She is not allowed to wear ornaments or put on fine clothing. She must not take fish or flesh. She has to cook her own food, which generally consists, in middle-class families, of a small quantity of boiled rice and vegetables and milk. Twice every month she has to fast the whole day, taking no food or drink. A widow in most cases depends for her subsistence on her brother or some other near relative, at whose house she resides and where she has to perform all the work of a housewife. In many a Hindoo home the widow is both the cook and maid-servant. In certain homes she is subjected to hard treatment, but in many others, be it noted, her sad lot is most sincerely sympathized with, and care is taken not to hurt her feelings.—[Exchange.]

**Gray's Inn.**  
For more than five hundred years a little fraternity of lawyers has nestled within the shadows of the sloping roofs of Gray's Inn. Here at the "box of a shop" under the gateway, Jacob Tonson, the famous publisher, issued Addison's "Campaign." Also within its courts Lord Bacon wrote his "Novum Organum," which King James declared as being "like the peace of God, which passeth all understanding." At the gateway also at one time dwelt Thomas Osborne, the bookseller, who gave £13,000 for the books from the Harleian library. The men of Gray's Inn, in times now passed, were famous for masks and revels and for gorgeous interludes. Hawthorne loved the place, Dickens fitted it into his "Uncommercial Traveller." Peppys wrote about the fashions that were flaunted by the prozeneraders on Sunday after church, and Charles Lamb has embalmed its beauties in an epitaph by saying: "These are the best gardens of any of the Inns of court." Bacon has left the impression of his foot upon the gravel walks."—[Fall Mall Gazette.]

The island of Arron, off the west coast of Scotland, is said to be so mild that palms and camellias thrive in the open air, without injury in the winter, although the latitude is that of the northern part of Labrador on this continent.

Secretary Manning must be a hard worker. Pedestrians passing his house in Washington see lights burning in his library until the "wee sma' hours."

(From the Christian Advocate, New Orleans.)  
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