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The Drunkard's Sermon.

It was growing late. The tide of humanity that earlier in the evening had ebbed and flowed through the streets of the great city had swept onward leaving the strange and almost appalling sense of desolation that comes when the noises of the town are hushed. The electric lights flared unnoticed on the corners; the street cars passed at further intervals now and then a night worker hurried by his foot steps ringing out loud and clear in the stillness. In front of a saloon whose lights shone out bright and ruddy across the pavement stood a tramp, unshorn, ragged, dirty, disgusting. He watched with envious eyes the men who passed in and out through the swinging door and then he turned his eyes toward two young fellows in evening dress who were coming down the street toward him. They had been drinking deeply, and they stopped before the saloon door and looked curiously at him.

"By Jove," said one, "think of having a thirst like that and not the price of an extinguisher in your pocket. Beats old Tantalus all to pieces, eh? Liquor, liquor, everywhere, and not a drop to drink."

He ran his hand in his pocket and proffered the tramp a dime, but before it could be accepted the other young fellow interposed.

"Say, he said, 'lets do the good Samaritan and set the Hobo up to a good drink.'"

The other hilariously consented, and the tramp slouched into the saloon at the heels of the two gilded youths. The barkeeper set before them glasses and liquors, and with a hand that shook the tramp poured out a brimming glass and raised it to his lips.

"Stop," cried one of the young men drunkenly, "make us speech, it is poor liquor that doesn't unloosen a mans tongue."

The tramp hastily swallowed down the drink and as the rich liquor coursed through his blood he straightened himself and stood before them with a grace and dignity that all his rags and dirt could not obscure.

"Gentleman," he said, "I look tonight at you and at myself, and it seems to me I look at the picture of my lost manhood. This bloated face was once as young and handsome as yours. This shambling figure once walked as proudly as yours, a man in a world of men. I, too, once had a home, and friends any position. I had a wife as beautiful as an artist's dream, and I dropped the priceless pearl of her honor and respect in the wine cup, and Cleopatra-like, saw it dissolve, and quaffed it down in the brimning draught. I had children as sweet and lovely as the flowers of spring, and I saw them fade and die under the blighting curse of a drunken father. I had a home where love lit the flame upon the altar and ministered before it, and

I put out the holy fire, and darkness and desolation reigned in its stead. I had aspirations and ambitions that soared as high as the morning star, and I broke and bruised their beautiful wings, and, at last, stangled them that I might be tortured with their cries no more. Today I am a husband without a wife, a father without a child, a tramp with no home to call his own, a man in whom every good impulse is dead. All, all swallowed up in the maelstrom of drink.

The tramp ceased speaking. The glass fell from his nerveless fingers and shattered into a thousand fragments on the floor. The swinging door pushed open and shut to again, and when the little group about the bar looked up the tramp was gone.

To Stop Growth of Horns

For stopping the growth of horns upon calves this mixture has been successfully used in experiments conducted by the United States Department of Agricultural Bureau of Animal Industry. Take 50 parts caustic soda, 25 parts kerosene oil and 25 parts water. An emulsion is made of the oil and soda by heating and vigorously stirring, and this is then dissolved in water. The mixture should be placed in a bottle with a solid rubber cork. The calves should not be over three weeks old, from five to 20 days being the proper age. A horn will sometimes be killed that is even from four to six weeks old, but it cannot be depended upon with certainty. In applying the solution the following directions should be observed: With a pair of scissors clip the hair around the embryo horn so as to expose a spot about the size of a nickel. While an assistant holds the calf securely drop two or three drops of the mixture on the horn and with the end of the rubber cork rub it in thoroughly over the bare spot. Apply the fluid first to one horn and then the other, until each has received three or four applications. The rubbing should be continued until the caustic has softened and removed the hair and surface skin around the horn. Care should be taken that the fluid does not spread over too large a surface or run down the side of the face. To insure success the mixture must be carefully and thoroughly applied. If used carelessly the embryo horn may not only be killed, but the face of the calf may be disfigured by allowing the fluid to spread and run down over the skin.

Filipino Ally

—A Hong Kong letter to the World says: "We are weak and you are strong," said Dr. Gallicano Aparible, the head of the Filipino junta here, "but we have an ally and you have none. We have 70,000 stands of arms and 20,000 troops in the field, and sufficient material to make cartridges to supply

our troops for four years to come.

"Our ally is the climate of the Philippines. Your bullets cannot kill one of our men where disease will kill 20 of yours, once you begin your advance into the interior. We will harass your advance at the same time we welcome it."

"We cannot fight pitched battles with you, and we do not need to. We shall be here today and there tomorrow, attacking, then flying. You can no more catch us or conquer us than you can the wind."

Between them and the numerous young men who are their associates and the mass of Filipinos, there is about as much resemblance as between a quadroon and a full-blood negro. They were led to organize the rebellion by a priest; priests educated them, and by the irony of fate, they now hold hundreds of friars as prisoners.

Jury Acquits Quay.

M. S. Quay was declared by the jury to be not guilty of conspiracy to use, for his own unlawful gain and product, the funds of the state deposite in the People's bank of this city.

The court officers were unable to keep back the struggling crowd that pressed forward to congratulate Quay when the verdict of the jury was announced.

As soon as Quay could get away from those anxious to shake his hand and congratulate him, he made his way to the elevator to descend to the street from the sixth floor of the municipal building. Here the scenes in the court room were repeated. As the senator emerged from the door of the building, the enthusiasm was immense. A group of enthusiasts rushed forward and attempted to hoist him on their shoulders, but the senator waived them back.

A man named Louis Morrison entered the Episcopal church in Weiser on the morning of the 10th inst., robbed the contribution box which contained \$1.04, helped himself to a quart of wine and took a ladies parasol which was in the vesty. He was arrested and sentenced to five days imprisonment in the county jail. A very light sentence for so grave an offense.—Ex.

One of the late novelties of Paris, that city of novelties, is a school where blushing is taught. If there is any place where blushing has become a lost art, one would certainly think it was Paris, but the Parisians, on the other hand, declare that it is a result of Anglomania and the influence of the American girl. The young woman who plays golf or rides a bicycle in "rationals" in the freest camaraderie with her male friends

is likely to acquire a self-poise which will make the flush of embarrassment a stranger to her cheeks.

The man whose heart is filled with jealousy, selfishness and hatred is himself miserable; he finds life a burden and the world shuns him.

Many a worthy ambition is stranded on the shoal of egotism.

The war department thinks that the sending of the regulars to the Philippines will cause the rebels to lose heart and surrender.

The department of the interior has made a ruling that all applicants for taking the census must stand an examination.

Adam once had the earth. His experience should be a warning to those who want it now.

The cynic man pretends to be tired of the world, but in reality the world is tired of him.

A young man can be said to be hopelessly in love when he can enjoy the company of the girl's mother.

It has been said that speech was given man to conceal his thoughts. This is not true of a woman however.

The athletes of Greece, in ancient times, when training for physical contests, were fed on new cheese, figs, and boiled grain. Their drink was warm water, and they were not allowed to eat meat.

It is getting to be a fashion to address and stamp envelopes on the back. With the direction written across the folds, the letter cannot be opened by an unauthorized person without the fact being noted.

In the recent hurricane off the coast of Australia a native negro jumped from a wrecked schooner with two women and after battling with the mighty breakers for four hours got ashore with his precious freight.

The new refrigerator now being provided for the military authorities at Manila may be useful in reducing the swelling of Aguinado's head, once he is caught. He probably has "cold feet!"

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