

Joaquin Miller wrote "strong, as Miriam's song," or as near as he could come to it in his recent prophetic poem on San Francisco, but the typesetter couldn't make out anything Biblical of the "Miriam" unless it should mean "Abram," so it was printed "Abram's song." It might have been a worse break, although Abram's strong point was a long way off from singing.

It is not surprising that the French government announced its intention to consult the powers signing the treaty of Algeiras as to what shall be done in the civil war in Morocco, which has taken a new start since the beginning of the year.

The army, the navy, the millionaires and the chorus girls have been monopolizing the limelight. But next summer, when the politicians are looking for votes, the common everyday man in shirt sleeves will shine.

Among the women who cannot understand why tobacco gets such a hold on the men are a number who would die if they drank less than six cups of tea a day.

Announcements of increased estimates of the cost of the Panama canal are likely to cause Poutney Bigelow to have a few more thrills.

Still! if a girl wants a man to propose she can usually lead him up to it without waiting for leap year.

**Alcohol on the Defensive.**

The United States is not the only country agitated by the temperance question at this time. Roumania, a nation to which the world has not been accustomed to look for drastic reform, proposes to regulate drinking by instituting a government monopoly on sales and turning the saloons over to the municipalities, something after the plan in Russia. The number of bars will be limited, and the saloons must not remain open after 8 o'clock at night on Sundays or religious feast days; also habitual drunkards must not be served with liquor.

It is worthy of note that China's war against that form of indulgence due to the opium habit is progressing, but perhaps the most significant temperance news from the old world is the attitude of several distinguished Frenchmen toward alcohol. It will be remembered that one reason given for the wine growers' grievances, which last summer resulted in a riot, was that light beer and temperance drinks have been supplanting wine in the favor of the French imbibers for some years. Recently several noted French authors and composers, among them Saint-Saens, Massenet and Sardou, denounced alcohol as a poison and deprecated its use as a mental stimulant. This view is in decided opposition to the notion which long prevailed in France that brilliancy in thought could be produced by alcohol in some form.

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**A Historic Spot.**

In the wall of the five story tenement at the southeast corner of Oak and Oliver streets on the side toward the latter are inserted five bronze tablets, two between the second and third floors, one between the third and fourth and two between the fourth and fifth. It would be a safe wager that not one of the 150 persons living in the building knows the significance of those tablets. It was in a tavern on this spot that the articles of evacuation of New York were signed by the British on Nov. 25, 1783. The tablets were first placed in the walls of the old tavern. The builder of the tenement had some patriotism in his heart and built them into the tenements.—New York Sun.

**Man in the Moon Legend.**

There is a quaint tradition about how the belief in the man in the moon originated that is worth retelling. Like so many of these beliefs, it began way back in Bible times and in quite another dress. By many nations the old man is supposed to be the one who first made his appearance in the book of Numbers (chapter xv, verse 32). Then he was found by the children of Israel gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. He was taken before Moses and condemned to death. He was taken later outside the camp and stoned until he died. One would think that was punishment enough even for so awful a crime, but superstition took him in hand at that point and consigned him to the moon, where, with a bunch of sticks on his tired old back, he was destined to climb forever up the shining hill and never reach the top. The story goes that his faithful dog was permitted to share his fate, and if you look carefully when the night is clear and dark you will see the pair toiling away upon their endless climb. The face of the old man also grew out of the old time tradition, but the figures are quite plain if one puts on the glasses of imagination.—Cleveland News.

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