

DRANK ALONE!

The Idols of Manhood Have Been Shattered by Strong Drink.

He got on the train at a way station and sat down beside me. He was long, lean and lanky. First he looked out of the car window and then at me. Settling deeper into his seat he suddenly remarked, "Dry day, eh?"

I merely nodded my head affirmatively.

"Do you drink, young man?"

I said I didn't mind if I did.

He said he would mind though. "Furthermore," he continued, "I am surprised that a man of your modest appearance, with eyes denoting Christian breeding, a forehead denoting good moral character and a mouth too pure to withstand the taint of intemperance, should be willing to indulge in the flowing bowl."

I could only squirm about in my seat and prepare myself for an eighteenkarat temperance lecture about to be thrust upon me.

"And, young man, do you know that hundreds of homes have been devastated by strong drink?"

I knew.

"Do you realize that the idols of manhood have been shattered and wealth squandered by liquor?"

I realized.

"Are you aware that wine is a curse?"

I was aware.

"Are you cognizant of the fact that every glass is the foundation-stone of intemperance?"

I was cog.

"Do you know that wines, liquors and cigars are the advance-agents of insobriety? And, young man, for the sake of your parents; for the good of your wife—if you have one; for the respect of your children—if you have any, I want you to make me one promise—"

"And that is?" I hurriedly interrupted, willing to promise anything, for his words had aroused me, and I knew I had been groveling in the dark and that every drink was a bolt on the sunshine of my home.

"I want you to promise me that you will not let another drop of liquor pass your lips."

"I won't," I almost shouted, extending my hand as a seal of the faithful adherence to my promise.

"And you will not yield to temptation?"

"I will not."

"And you will not ask for a drink should you see some one else imbibing?"

"I give you my word of honor I will not."

"Thanks, young man, thanks." And with that the mean, groveling, contemptible, long, lean, lanky hypocrite put his hand in his side pocket, brought forth a pint flask of whiskey while I sat up like a hummed commuter amid the giggling occupants of the train.

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Wonderin' where the money went,
That's how most folks get bent;
Comes so slow an' goes so fast,
Twenty dollars doesn't last.
Longer on of 't was so much weeds,
Buyin' wha' the old farm needs,
Don't last long enough, I vow,
To buy a churn 'n' bran new plow,
Rivets, chairs, a new cravat,
The s... others for Ma's hat,
An' some stingles for the barn,
Cotton stuff for Liz ter darn
Them red socks er' won by me
When we had the huski n' bee,
Don't last long 'nough fer to get
Corn 'n' oil, an' the buck-saw set,
Kitchen stove fixed, horse shod,
Some new neat eggs, light'nin' rod,
Sack 'n' flour an' keg of nails,
Ropes to put the hay in bales,
Biled shirt so that brother Al,
Ken go to meetin' with his gal,
Ice-cream churn for sister Sue,
Spade to dig a well with, too,
Eight-day clock, a bar' o' jack,
Lin'ment for the old mare's back,
Leather washers for the pump,
Stuff to make the gophers jump,
Insect powder, stove lids, hammer,
'Scription to the town Examiner,
Paint enough to paint the hum,
An' git my hair cut by gum.
Seems to me that when I sell
Farm truck, Ma can't wait ontell
I hev count the money. Just
Takes from out her bag a list,
An' says quietly, while she reads,
"Cyrus, these few things we needs."
Seems I've bought, before she's done,
Everything beneath the sun,
Often wonderd if Ma knew
Jist what constitutes a few.

Ab, the time is pretty nigh
When I won't hev to buy an' buy;
But put a little bit away,
Jes' to meet that rainy day,
An' pay the bill for that last ride,
When Ma an' I'll lay side by side,
In the acre where they keep
Flowers to watch you while you sleep.
Jingo! getting late, I fear,
Musn't let ma see this tear;
Guess I'll roam about a spell,
Till she rings the supper bell.
Gosh! her work is never done,
Keeps agoin' from sun to sun,
An' if I say, "why don't you get
A hired gal to help a bit
To cook, 'n' mend, 'n' wash, 'n' sew,
An' feed the pigs, an' milk, an' hoe,
Why, then, I think I hear her say,
"We must economize some way."

The United States department of agriculture has just reported on a unique and effective method for killing the scale insects which are causing so much destruction to orange trees in California. The principal injury is the extraction of the juice of the tree. As the scale insect is a mere pumping machine, it is continually absorbing the sap from the tree. There is likewise a poisoning caused by the irritation excited by the beak of the insect, or some liquid injected through the same.

It has now been found that the only sure means of destroying these pests is by subjecting them to the fumes of hydrocyanic acid gas, commonly designated as "gassing." For most species of scaled insects one good gassing, when done at the right season, will almost, if not quite, exterminate them.

The treatment consists in inclosing a tree at night with a tent and filling the latter with the poisonous fumes generated by treating refined potassium cyanide, 98 per cent. strength, with commercial sulphuric acid, 66 per cent., and water. The proportions of the chemicals as now employed in California are considerably in excess of the amounts recommended a few years since.

For small trees ordinary earthenware vessels are used to generate the gas. For larger ones, requiring heavy doses, tall wooden pails are employed, two generators being used.

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They Only Titter.

The Chinese laugh is not as hearty or as expressive as the European or American. It is oftener a titter than a genuine outburst of merriment. There is little character or force in it.—N. Y. Sun.



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