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MY WIFE IS THE CAUSE OF IT.

It is now more than forty years ago, that Mr. L. called at the house of Dr. B.

"Sir," said the doctor, "the weather is very frosty—will you not 'take something to drink,' before you start?"

"In that early day, ardent spirits were deemed indispensable to warmth in winter. When commencing a journey, and at every stopping place along the road, the traveler always used intoxicating drinks to keep him warm."

"No," said Mr. L.—"I never touch anything of that kind; my wife is the cause of it."

"I had been in the habit of meeting some of our neighbors every evening for the purpose of playing cards. We assembled at each other's shops, and liquors were introduced. After a while we met so much for playing as drinking, and I used to return home late in the evening more or less intoxicated. My wife always met me at the door affectionately, and when I replied for sitting up so late for me, she kindly said—"

"I prefer doing so, for I cannot sleep when you are out."

"This always troubled me. I wished in my heart she would only begin to scold me, for then I could have retorted, and relieved my conscience. But she always met me with the same gentle and loving epistles, and I was very anxious of its present trouble."

"I returned in such a plight about four o'clock in the morning. She met me at the door with unusual tenderness, and said—"

"Come in husband; I have just been making a warm fire for you, for I knew you would be cold. Take off your boots and warm your feet, and here is a cup of hot coffee."

"Doctor, that was too much. I could not endure it any longer, and I resolved that I would never touch another drop while I live, and I never will."

"He never did. He lived and died practicing total abstinence from intoxicating drinks, in a village where intemperance has ravaged as much as any other in the State."

"That man was my father, and that woman my mother. The fact above related I received from the doctor himself, when on a visit to my native village, not long since."

A QUAKER CAPTAIN.

At the time of the Revolutionary war, when it was very dangerous for a merchant ship to venture to sea, a Quaker, who lived in Philadelphia, had a ship which was loaded with a very valuable cargo, and he was very anxious to have it transported to Boston. Having engaged his crew, and taken care to get a mate on whom he could depend to manage the ship, our friend set sail to Boston. After being at sea six or eight hours, the mate espied an English privateer in the distance, and he was very anxious to see him. He informed his Quaker commander of the appearance of the English craft, and the danger of the ship.

"What shall we do?" asked our friend.

"I shall fight the rascal," said the mate.

"Oh, no