

**EVIL COMPANIES.**—Parents cannot be too careful in selecting society for their children, and young men cannot be too choice in their associates. The adage has lost nothing by age which says "a man is known by the company he keeps." To young men, especially, it is of infinite importance that they be furnished with companions possessing generous hearts and honorable virtuous sentiments. Says the distinguished Robert Hall, in his "Works" recently published by Harper & Brothers:

"Society is the atmosphere of souls; and we unnecessarily imbibe from it something which is either infectious or salubrious. The society of virtuous persons is enjoyed beyond their company, while vice carries a sting in solitude. The society or the company you keep is both the indication of your character and the former of it. In company, when the pores of the mind are opened, there requires more guard than usual, because the mind is then passive. Either vicious company will please you or it will not; if it does not please you, the end of going will be defeated."

In such society "you will feel your reverence for the dictates of conscience wear off, and that name at which angels bow and devils tremble, you will hear contemned and abused. The Bible will supply materials for unmeaning jests and impious buffoonery; the consequences of this will be a practical deviation from virtue; the principles will become sapped, and the fences of conscience broken down; and when debauchery has corrupted the character, a total inversion will take place; they will glory in their shame."

**LET 'EM WIGGLE.**—A rural philosopher somewhat advanced in life, whose limited knowledge of nature's mysteries had been acquired without the aid of science, and who knew not "whether a microscope was something good to eat or a new-fangled farming machine," was once in conversation with a youthful friend fresh from school, who talked to him of the wonderful developments made by that instrument, a specimen of which he carried about him.

While the old man was making a frugal meal in the field at noon, the youth produced his microscope, and explained its operation, which he illustrated by exhibiting its powers upon several bugs and divers minute atoms of inanimate matter at hand. To his surprise, his aged pupil did not manifest much astonishment, and stung by his indifference, he detailed to him how many scores of living creatures he devoured at every mouthful, and in each drop which quenched his thirst. At this his hearer was skeptical; and to prove the fact, the boy snatched from his hand a chunk of rich cheese which he was then devouring, and placing it under the magnifier, the mass of wriggling animalcula was triumphantly pointed to.

The old man gazed upon the eight indifferently, and at length with the utmost poachance, took another huge bite.

"Don't exclaim the boy, 'don't eat it, Uncle Ben, don't you see 'em! See 'em squirm and wriggle!'

"Let 'em wriggle!" said the old philosopher, munching away calmly, "they've got the worst of it, if they kin stan' it I kin," and he deliberately finished his meal.

**BANKRUPTED.**—Gough recently stated a somewhat startling fact in one of his temperance lectures, which will astonish some of the Maine Law men. He asserted that of the 600,000 persons who had signed the Washingtonian pledge to abstain from the use of all intoxicating drinks, 400,000, including himself, had retrograded, and either filled the drunkard's grave, or were living drunkards, or had been drunkards and reformed again for "a spell," and that the original mover of the Washingtonian pledge now kept a low grocery in Baltimore. This is certainly rather discouraging. If Mr. Gough is not mistaken in his statistics, there is rather a battle to be fought yet by the Rummers.

**LOST CHILD FOUND.**—About five years ago a male child of Richard Welsh, of Woodward township, Clinton Co., N. Y., was lost, and the impression became general that he had strayed away, and been drowned. It appears that he was stolen, and carried away to Tioga county by an insane woman, where he was taken from her by legal process, and placed in the charge of a very family, in which he has remained ever since. The boy was about three years old when stolen.

**GROCERS WHO SELL SWEET PEAS FOR OLD GOVERNMENT JAVA.**—Should remember their latter end, and bear in mind that "Jordan is a hard road to travel!" Things are not judged by their "labels" in the next world.

**GOOD HEALTH.**—An institution founded on easy conscience, fresh air, and lots of exercise. Vice and indolence are always dyspeptic. The former breaks up the digestive organs by too much thought; the latter by much sofa and rocking-chair.

**FOR A LODGE IN SOME VAST WILDERNESS, SOME BOUNDLESS CONTOUR OF SHADE, A PURE, COLD WATER STREAM, WITH PLenty OF TROUT, AND NOT TO DROWP TO WADE!** Would we enjoy it—well?

**W. S. Sharkey,** late United States Consul at Havana, has been nominated for Governor by several County Conventions of Mississippi.

**THE Submarine Telegraph from Scotland to Ireland is completed, and the wires are in process of being laid down on all the railways.**

**A genius in Iowa has invented an engine that he supposes will supersede steam. The motive power is a gallon of fever and ague boiled down to a pint.**

**Some bigots would rather hear a man condemn religion altogether than speak harshly of their own particular sect.**

**A farm of 50 acres, near West Chester, has been sold for \$13,000. The Record.**

### VALUABLE SAW-MILL PROPERTY, Timber, Timber Land and Iron Ore for Sale!

The subscriber will offer the following described valuable REAL ESTATE viz:

**No. 1.**—The saw-mill containing 10 acres, or more, situated on Mahanahans Creek, which is the line between the townships of Newfield and Franklin, in Franklin county, Ohio, and is connected with White Pine Mill.

**No. 2.**—The saw-mill half acre of land, containing 407 acres, or more. There is great water-power available for the saw-mill.

The Six Miles Run and the Three Mile Run, which is a first rate saw-mill, containing 10 acres, or more, situated on the same creek, and is connected with the timber leading from Cleaveland to Detroit passes through this tract.

The distance from this place to the nearest post office is 16 miles.

The distance from the river to the saw-mill is about 16 miles.

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