

TO A CHILD.

The stars' untarnished gold gleams in the meshes of thy hair. The heavenly blue of April's blue lives in thy wondering eyes.

THE WHITE MAN'S TRICK.

How Capt. Boggs Beat the Redskins Shooting at a Mark—The Results. Capt. Boggs, a Virginian, who held a captain's license on the Mississippi river before he was of age, and who for fourteen years had the contract to supply the military posts in Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona with fuel, tells the following story:

"I was down in the Ut reservation in Colorado and had strolled down to the shores of a small lake, while my mules and teamsters were eating dinner, when I came across a party of about a dozen Indians. They were armed with rifles and were shooting at a snag which stuck out of the water about 200 yards distant. The stakes for which they were shooting were composed of a quarter of a dollar from each man. I stood watching them for some time, and then decided to enter the competition. Each man had three shots, and the man who hit the snag the most times was the victor. The misses were told by the splash in the water; the hits by the absence of the splash.

"After some parley with the Redskins I got them to allow me to enter the match, though they compelled me to deposit half a dollar, while they put in but a quarter. I had a Henry repeater with me that, fortunately for my purpose, was then unloaded. I was accounted one of the best shots in that country, but knew that the Indians were not by any means slow. I slipped three cartridges into my rifle, and as I did so I broke the ball off, thus leaving a blank cartridge. Of course no splash followed any of my shots, and the Indians thought I had hit the snag every time. I won that pot, but the next time I intentionally lost by not breaking the balls off and by taking indifferent aim.

"I then broke all the balls off until I had won \$18. Then the Indians, who began to look at me with suspicion or awe, refused to shoot any more. I invited them up to the store, and spent the money on knick-knacks, which I divided among them. I then took them back to the lake and showed them the trick. They were very much surprised, but took it in good part.

"On returning that way a few days after I found the same Indians on the lake shore, shooting a big match with a neighboring tribe, whom they were rapidly cleaning out of everything. I learned that they had 'killed' every Indian in the country that they could get to shoot against them. I said nothing, but mused on the readiness of the savage to adopt the white man's tricks.—Boston Traveler.

How to Button Cuffs and Collars.

A clerk in a furnishing store in Pittsburgh is permitted to tell The Penny Press, of that city, "How to Button Your Collar," and to assert that "nine well-dressed men out of every ten have their collars on the wrong way." The wrong way, according to the statement of the clerk, is in buttoning the left side first, so that the right side laps over the former. He claims that the order should be reversed.

This may or may not be an essential in a well-dressed man, but it is not half so important in a well-arranged toilet as is the correct way of fastening the sleeve cuffs. It will hardly be believed that nine out of every ten, men or women, invariably button their cuffs improperly. If the reader will examine his or her own, ten to one they will be found wrong.

Now, what is the right way? Manifestly so that they will correspond with the ordinary coat and shirt sleeve; that is, with the upper or outer portion lapsing over the inner or under part. A majority of persons will have one lap one way and the other reversed, while many have both wrong, and only a very few have both right. If anyone doubts this let him examine the first-down gentlemen he meets, and he will find the statement verified.

The mistake is made in the manner of placing the buttons in the cuffs before they are put on the wrists. They are evidently inserted in the same corner of both cuffs, when they should be removed, and, of course, when adjusted one will be right and the other wrong. This why a greater portion is worn in this way. It is quite as easy to put this article of wearing apparel on right as wrong, and no one is properly dressed with one cuff button one way and the other another way. To avoid the difficulty, place the button just through the right-hand corner as the cuff is held up, and the other in the left-hand corner, and then, with a little care as to which hand is to be passed through them respectively, they may be properly adjusted.—Cor. Buffalo Courier.

Biggest Account Books in America. In a Wall street banking house are to be seen the biggest account books in America. They average from two feet square to the bigness of the top of a desk, and the most ponderous is a load for an able bodied clerk. The covers are half an inch thick, and material enough for a pair of leather breeches is consumed in every one. When ranged in order in the section of the vault consigned to them they present a most magnificent array. If Goliath were alive and in trade these would be the books for him. I have an idea that their imposing appearance is one of their recommendations to favor, though assured that their utility is their chief title to existence.

It appears, also, that these large and massive volumes are specially calculated for self-preservation. They are so solid and so firmly constructed that they can resist fire without the protection of a safe. In an ordinary conflagration, where the flames are not allowed to play too long, these books will pass the ordeal with no worse harm than that their backs will be converted into charcoal and their edges scorched, but be otherwise intact. The experiment has been made. When protected by a safe they are invulnerable in the fiercest flames. In the matter of cost they rival their appearance in magnificence. Thousands of dollars are expended by the house in question on its account books. Before the war this expense was modestly restricted to a few hundreds. Indeed, when the house was booked a very prosperous one its full line of books in daily use cost little more than a few dollars.

Alfred Trumble in New York News.

Tongue on that Point.

Alcy—Do you think, my love, your father will consent to our marriage? Angely—Of course, papa will be very sorry to lose me, darling. Alcy—But I will say to him that instead of being a daughter he will gain a son. Angely—I wouldn't do that, love, if you really want me. Papa has three such sons boarding here now, and he's a little touchy on that point.—Tongue Slittings.

W. O. T. U. COLUMN.

A False Platform.

The resolutions adopted at the meeting of the National Liquor Dealer's Association, held in Chicago a few days ago, contain in themselves a sufficient indication of the wide-spread alarm felt in liquor trade circles over the increasingly aggressive attitude of the anti-liquor party. The preamble of the resolutions goes on to state that in view of the attacks in many parts of the country by individuals and associations whose aim it is to destroy the wine, spirit and beer business, the members of the trade have been moved by a proper sense of self-respect, "as well as by a sincere desire to enjoy the respect of mankind," to meet in National Convention, and to make a formal and public denial of the charges against their business and against the people engaged in the various branches. These charges, preamble says, present the liquor trade to the public as opposed to morality and in favor of vice; as opposed to temperance and in favor of drunkenness; as opposed to good order and in favor of crime; as opposed to habits of industry and economy, and in favor of indolence and wastefulness. Among the resolutions which follow are these:

Resolved, That we most earnestly favor temperance, and appeal to every member of the trade to make proof of this declaration by his daily life and daily conduct of his business.

Resolved, That it is our duty, as it is of all good citizens, to obey the laws of our country, and we condemn every violation of law regardless of the damage inflicted in its observance upon any industry or upon any general business interests.

Resolved, That we are in favor of both public and private morality, and good order, and popular education, and that we feel the duty resting on us as private individuals and as a trade to work with the great body of our people in the advancement of our interests.

Other resolutions equally loud in claims of morality, honesty and various other virtues, conclude with a condemnation of indiscriminate licensing, a "solemn protest" against disreputable saloons, and a pledge of cooperation "with the officers of the law and with all good citizens" to prevent the issue of licenses to such places.

It is sufficient to say that if these resolutions were carried out in their spirit and letter there would soon be an end to the very business which they assume to defend. If all the liquor dealers in the country were truly in favor of temperance, public and private morality, good order, popular education, and general prosperity, they would at once go out of a business which in all its surroundings and influences is in direct antagonism to those things. The Saloon as it is to day is a sufficient answer to all these ridiculous claims of temperance and morality. No amount of resolution can make the Saloon other than it is, a stain on civilization and a stench in the nostrils of society. When these men who desire to be known as the friends of order, peace and public morality, give a single practically demonstration of their desire to curtail the evils which arise from dram-drinking we will give them credit for a little sincerity. If the liquor dealers would carry out even a part of their high sounding resolutions and close their dram-shops on Sunday and enforce among their numbers an obedience to the laws respecting sale to minors and drunkards, with other provisions equally important, there would be some justice in their claims as honest and law-abiding citizens. But no one will be deceived into thinking that the liquor dealers mean to do anything of the kind. Their resolutions are simply a tissue of humbug and pharisaic pretence, as false in intention as they are futile in practice.

Your poor houses are full, and your courts and prisons are filled with victims of this infernal traffic, and your houses are full of sorrow, and the hearts of your wives and mothers; and yet the system is tolerated. Yes! and when we ask some men what is to be done about it, they will tell you, you can't stop it! And yet there is Bunker Hill! and you say you can't stop it,—and up yonder is Lexington and Concord, where your father fought for the right and bled and died—and you look on those monuments and boast of the heroism of your fathers and then tell us we must submit to be

taxed and tortured by this rum business, and we can't stop it. No! and yet your fathers, your patriotic fathers—could make a cup of tea for his Britannic Majesty out of a whole cargo—and you can't cork up a gin jug—Ha! Father Taylor the sailor preacher at Cambridge.

You ask me to marry you, George, she said slowly. Do you know that I am rich?

Yes.

In my own right?

Yes.

And that you will have to come to me for money?

Yes.

Even for car fare?

Yes.

And that you may have to walk in pleasant weather?

Yes.

And are you willing to marry me and take the chances?

Yes.

Then I am yours, George, and I hope you may be happy.—N. Y. Sun.

There is a millionaire in town who has a great reputation for meanness. Most millionaires have that reputation but most of them are mean to their friends and relatives and others. This man is mean to himself as well. This millionaire was interested in some sweeping losses.

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