The Effects of Strong Drink.

About fifteen years ago Mr. F. G. P. Nulson, a distinguished actuary of London, investigated the rate of mortality prevalent among persons addicted to the mmoderate use of intoxicating drinks. He confined his attention solely to wellmarked cases of intemperance, and inserted in the circular which he distributed to trustworty persons directions to enter no case in the schedule "unless the person alluded to was decidedly addicted to drinking habits during a con-siderable period of life." The facts col-lected by him were carefully analyzed and tabulated, and the mortality exhibited was compared with that of the gen-eral population of England and Wales. Out of the six thousand one hundred and eleven such persons under observation, three hundred and fifty-seven died, whereas if the general rate of mortality had been observed the deaths would have been but one hundred and ten. Throughout the whole range of the table," the author observes, "the rate of mortality is frightfully high, and unequaled by the results of any other series of observations made on any class of the population of this country. " If there be anything," he goes on to say,
"in the usages of society calculated to destroy life, the most powerful is certhe inordinate use of strong drink." The schedule sent out by Mr. Neison required also an "enumeration of the peculiar features of the intemperance in respect to the favorite beverage ; and the following curious and significant facts were observed as to the influence of the different kinds of drink on the average duration of life. Such duration, after the commencement of the intemperate habits was found to be-

and the rate of mortality-

It is well to remark here that the "in-16-30, for which age the average expectation of life in the general community is nearly double that given above for the beverage. The different effects produced upon several enumerated classes of WRS-

Among mechanics, working and laboring men 18 ong trades, dealers and merchants...... long professional men and gentlemen..... long females.

In a subsequent part of his work the author investigates the relative mortality in the sexes from immoderate drinking. From the table which he gives it appears that the mortality of the female sex is, on an average, about one-fifth of that of the male, varying from 23 per cent. at age 21-30 to 12 per cent. at age 71-80. "But the most curious circumstances disclosed by the figures," he says, "is the remarkable similarity between the proportion of crime in the sexes to the proportion of deaths from assigned causes of intemperance. By referring to subsequent contribution showing the influence of age on the development of crime, it will be found that the tendency te erime in the male sex is nearly five times as great as in the female sex, or, mose strictly, in the relation of 336 to 1.581; while the ratio of deaths to the population from assigned intemperate causes, at age 20 and upward, is in the exact relation of 8,011 to 36,769-a most remarkable agreement, the difference being under 2.5 per cent.; 7,814 substi- culturists and farmers are fully acquaint- the character of The Mail, by establishtuted for 8,011 would give the precise relation of the figures showing the tendency of crime in the sexes. This is rather a strange coincidence, and may be probably viewed by most careful observers as proving that crime legally distributed, the result is too small a crop upon the parts of the land that have less than their share, while the character of the sald in g a weekly edition, published in quarto form and double the size of the daily. By limiting advertising space, and omitting purely local news, they will be able to print in it the cream of the correspondence, and literary, social and art news for which it is so justly established. dinary acceptation, are the concomitants of each other." If the agreement noticed is more than a "strange coinci- which process is always more or less dence," and subsequent analyses of crim- detrimental to the growth of the plant inal statistics tend to strengthen the be- that are left. lief that it is, the moral and social havoc | In sowing seeds that, on account of caused by the excessive use of strong their size and color, are undistinguish drink is as appalling as the physical. It will be borne in mind that the results way, no guide for the operator, who can detailed here were obtained after labor- not see whether his work is done uni ious collection and collation of facts by formly or not. But an inventor dow an experienced and able man, whose chief object was to frame a safe basis for coloring the seed as to enable the sower business for life assurance operations in to see where it falls, thus supplying the which he was interested. He had no needed guide. theory of morals to urge, no sermon to preach save an incidental one, which the first moistening them, and then rolling if anything could, to the impressiveness of the lesson taught.

## New England Superstitions.

There is a strange vampire supersti-tion associated with that scourge of New England, "quick consumption"—which differs materially from the Tartar and tain the germination. Semitic legends of the vampire. In the Semitic, the ghost is a demon in the the sower, whether scattering them b shape of a beautiful woman, that lives hand or planting them by a machin among tombs and subsists on corpses. may correct such faults in the work In Tartar and European legends, the are made apparent. The coating wi vampire is the horror of the living—a also act as a fertilizer, the value of which demoniac musquito that, issuing from | will depend upon its character. the graves of the dead, attacks its victims by night, and subsists on their

and the New England superstition of noon and at night a load of forest loam, quick consumption; but, in the New or else set apart a day and devote it en- neither war nor famine is as destructive presupposed. By some strange aberra- Woods dirt is one of the best mulches the heart is supposed to retain its vitality after death, and lives on in its coffin, and fertilizer for soil it cannot be ex- of the liver, constipation or intermittent drawing, by some weird, sympathetic influence, its support from the vitality of land as cheap as the air. some living relative, who wastes into the grave in consequence of having to sustain two vitalities instead of one; and thus, whole families drop off one after another, with singular regularity of interval. The remedy is to take up the the frest; a thin coating being almost body of the dead, and burn the organ impervious to that element, they are, supposed to exercise the deadly vampire therefore, exactly fitted for the use function; and odd legends are affoat of above mentioned. No better manure instances in which the remedy has been successfully tried.

A second vampire superstition, very prevalent in portions of New England, of fertility. -Ohio Farmer. is, that cats suck the breath of babies; and ancient grandmothers recount how mothers, having left their babies in the cradle, with the cat in the room, have returned to find the baby dead, and the cat purring innocently in the cradle, just as if it had been guilty of nothing contrary to law. In this there is nothing original. It is simply a relic of the In regard to a certain species of insect,

### AGRICULTURAL.

ABOUT PAINTING.-A correspondent in the Journal of the Farm gives the fol-lowing hints on painting buildings: The advantage of a good coat of paint on the woodwork of buildings and wood on inplements is too obvious to need any special notice. The only thing necessary to speak of is which is the best the greatest durability? Buildings are painted for a double purpose; in the first place for ornament, and in the second place to afford greater durability to the wood. Painting is an object of great importance to the farmer, for without it ouses and implements will not last more than half as long as when kept well painted. The ornamental part of painting depends on the coloring material employed and the skill shown in the proper adaptation of mixing the ingredients. But the utility of the work pends altogether on the oil. The closing of the porce or the saturating of the surface of the wood to exclude air and moisture is the great object to be ob-

Oil without the admixture of paint thoroughly worked into the wood will be the best protection against atmospheric influence, but the first cost will be much greater than when mixed with paint. Painters direct too much attention to the rapidity of execution, which is incompatible with filling the wood with oil without extra ingredients for drying, such as benzine, turpentine, japan, varnish, litharge, etc., which he ve a tendency to decompose the oil with which the paint is mixed, and which is the only principle of durable adhesion in paint. The small amount of oil which is left in the paint is formed into a gloss which is only superficial and is soon worn off by rain.

To be convinced that turpentine in-jures the durability of paint, we need only observe the effect it produces on oil spots on floors, clothing, etc. But for temperate habit" is usually acquired at a comparatively early period, say at age due portion of turpentine with oil is due portion of turpentine with oil is much better for mixing paint than oil alone, which turns the paint yellow in the absence of air and light. All the intemperate drinkers of the least hurtful preparation that oil needs to make good paint is boiling to free from impurities, and for outside work, barns, fences, etc. persons he found to be very singular.

The average duration of life after the used, as it is always the cheapest in the commencement of intemperate habits end; for in painting, everything depends much on having the work well done. All the articles should be good, and the operation skilfully performed. In conlusion, let farmers not in any wise neglect to paint their buildings, yard fences, etc. Moderately cold weather is the best time to lay on paint, and great haste in the application is inadmissible The oil must have time allowed for abrption, so that the paint and oil will come glazed and indurated before the cond coat is applied. Some painters talk of giving two coats of paint in a day. It may be done, but depend upon it durability is far paramount to dispatch, and the farmer who does his painting in a hurry and in hot, dry weather commits great mistake; for the preparation dries with such rapidity by the heat in the boards that the oil is absorbed and the pores of the wood are only closed on the surface by the paint. Clear cold weather, pure linseed oil without any turpentine or other drying materials, and long intervals between the applications of the several coats of paint, are the best plan that can be adopted.

considered, and intemperance in its or- the portions that are evercrowded with news, for which it is so justly esteemed

facts preached for him. This would add, them in flour or other suitable materia until they are coated. This does not in jure them, as the coating absorbs th water, and speedily dries in the sun, the seeds are not immediately require for sowing.
When the seed is deposited, the cont

ing, by the absorption and retention of moisture, hastens and renders more cer

The seeds being thus rendered visible

GATHER WOODS DIRT .- When goin to work in the fields near the wood lo Some analogy there is between this take along a shovel and carry home England version, no actual demon is tirely to the purpose of collecting. tion of the ordinary laws of dissolution, that can be used; it is one of the ab-

Leaves and loam form an excellent can be used upon the garden, as it will make the soil light and airy, and at the same time give it the primitive qualities

HOME CHEERFULNESS .- Many a child goes astray, not because there is a want of prayer or virtue at home, but simply because home lacks sunshine. A child needs smiles as much as flowers need sun cams. Children look little beyond as you read this notice—if so let it urge you the present moment. If a thing disdays when natural history was one tan-gle of superstition; when bats and bee-home is the place where faces are sour tles were invested with strange instincts and words harsh, and fault-finding is of evil doing; when the owl was a ghoul. ever in the ascendant, they will spend as In regard to a certain species of insect, many hours as possible elsewhere. Let designated the earwig, a superstition every father and mother, then, try to be exists, which is perhaps original, and according to which the insect is supposed to have a special affinity for getting into one's ears.

every lather and mother, then, try to be happy. Let them look happy. Let them talk to their children, especially the little ones, in such a way as to make them happy.

## Healthy Individuoal.

following is the last thing written by the late "Artemus Ward": "Ontillquite recent I've been a healthy in-dividoeal. I'm nearly 60, and yit I've got muscle into my armes which don't make my fists resemble the trend of a canary bird when they fly out and hit a man. Only a few weeks ago I was exsary to speak of is which is the best method of performing the work to give a pugylist—one of the fellers hits from the shoulder and teaches the manly art of self-defens. And he cum and said he was goin' in free, in consequence of prev'sly ockepyin' sed b'ldin with a large yaller dorg. He sed, 'Oh yes.' I sed, 'Oh no.' He sed, 'Do you want to be ground to powder?' I sed, 'Yes. I do, there is any powder that grindest handy,' when he struck me a disgustin' blow in my left eye, which caused that concern to close for repairs; but he didn't hurt me any. I went for him anergetically. His parents lived near by, and I will simply state that fifteen minutes after I'd gone for him his mother, seeing the prostrate form of her son approachin' the house onto a shutter, carried by four men, ran out of doors, keerfully looked him over, and sed: 'My son, you've been afoul a thrashin' ma sheen. You went in the end they put the grain in, and came out with the straw, and then got up the thingumajig and let the horses trod on you, my son You can imagine by this what a disagreeable person I am when I'm angry.

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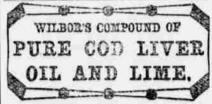
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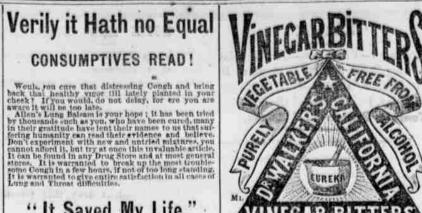
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