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### A TEMPERANCE SERMON.

It was a Washington dispatch, and it told very briefly how Christmas was observed at the National Capital. A mere passing note; statement of a simple fact; hardly worth more than a flying mention. It only said: "The Southern questions, which are of vital police report the arrest of an unusually large number of intoxicated persons cle will do very well for Republican mostly young men." That was all A larger number of men than usual deliberately extinguished their sense of tain quarters to hold the administraresponsibility to society and to them-selves, and having so dethroned their cr, responsible for things that occur or reason, went recling through the exist quite independently of parties, streets, in which condition they were engresses and presidents. For instance, if a gang of desperadoes in Louisiana, Mississippi or Tennessee, faculties they had thrown away, and arm themselves with rifles, shot guns they had ceased to be dangerous to and pistols, and go gunning for nesociety or themselves. And they were groes, these biased partisan critics instantly young men." Not much of an item that. To a great many read-wicked "radicals" who enfranchised to wit, that a great many people were were young men. Perhaps some old fellow who knew Washington smiled a despot, and the troops as a blood-thirssedate person who was never young. or, if he was, it was so long ago he has forgotten it, read the two or three lines and said it was "outrageous" for young men to act so. But the mass of manhood slipped by it, as they but-ton up their coats and hasten on when they meet in the street any one who

Not everybody though, In a great many homes and to a great many hearts it meant a great deal more than the classification of a holiday's police report. It came to them like news of shipwreck to one with friends at sea. There was a reading between the lines that made fathers anxious and mothers distressed. "Mostly young men!"
And here was the boy just ripening into manhood upon whom his parents looked with pride, and for whose future they were so deeply anxious; could the father help the involuntary reaching out to catch him from falling, as he read in these three words the story of so many young men down and disgraced? Could the mother fail to reflect that her boy was very much like other boys, and that other boysthe young men in the Washington station-house-had mothers, perhaps just as tenderly solicitous for their sons' welfare as she for hers? "Mostly young men!" Ah, how many a mother, when she read it, clasped closer to her bosom the curly head and dimpled cheeks of her own darling, as if she would keep him back from manbood and from all the storm and stress which carry down so many. And then the mothers, whose darlings with their curls and dimples, and all the sweet and winning ways of child-hood, have moved on out of the radiance of the morning into the heat and dust of the noontide, whose boys look level now into mother's—and perhaps into some one's not a mother's—how these sweet, thoughtful women must have shuddered at the bare dreadful possibility that some time their boys

might go recling to the station-house.

"Mostly young men!" It is a suggestive, a painfully suggestive statement. It's the coming of a new crop, and a crop of reckless, dissolute men. Young men to-day; and perhaps with enough of conscience left to suffer re-merse, enough of self-respect to suffer shame, but every day growing harder as habit grows and the senses deaden. There's no need to write a homily on temperance, or preach a sermon. The homily writes itself, and the sermon preaches itself. There's no such sick ening aight in all the world as the drunken young man or boy; nothing so painful to the sensibilities of man or woman; nothing that seems so harsh, and unnatural, and shocking. It is such deliberate flying in the face of Nature and flinging away the best gift of God. But the procession moves along. Thins out rapidly to be sure slong. Thins out rapidly to be sure toward the end, but the young men keep stepping in and the ranks are always full. It is the thing that fathere dread for their some and mothers pray God their boys may be delivered from, but it goes right on, and the re-cruits are "mostly young men." The State cannot stop it, quackery cannot cure it. Cheerful homes might save man and—in Washington good examples in high stations might keep many more from falling. How would it do to try it?—N. Y. Tribune.

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### THE CHICAGO TIMES.

The Chicago Times, the leading Democratic organ of the north west we are glad to notice, is not in accord with many of its brethren. It talks

columns, and we insert it as follows:
A disposition is manifested in ceran item that. To a great many readers who skimmed over it, it suggested nothing. It had no special significance to them. There was nothing in it touching the financial question; no intimation of the policy of the Administration toward Louisiana; nothing to throw any light upon the Pacific Mail business; nothing but a bald statement of a quite unimportant fact. statement of a quite unimportant fact, President in response to a requisition to wit, that a great many people were duly made, sends troops to disperse intoxicated, and that most of them the insurgents, these irrational critics basten to denounce the President as a grim, hard smile and said, "The boys ty gang, delighting in nothing so much must have been having a good time Christmas." And perhaps some other Of course these white men are in nowise responsible for their acts, and would not be if they were to massacre every negro, and every white man who declines to vote the White League ticket! They are long suffering innocents, driven to desperation by a series of intolerable wrongs, entitled to the sympathy of everybody who doesn't happen to be exactly of the Southern

Now unquestionably there are some very rascally carpet baggers in the south. Ungestionably the fruits of unlimited diffrage are not altogether sweet. But everybody who knows anything about the southern characterand everybody ought to know some thing about it by this time-knows that the blame does not attach to the negro, the carpet bagger, the Republican party, and the President, more than to those worthies who fought for four years, with a courage begotten of gunpowder and whisky, to establish a slave empire on this continent. The gentlemen who, before the war, had a summary way of disposing of northern suspected of differing from them in political sentiment, were not transformed into lambs by the emancipation and enfrauchisement of the negro. They are substantially the same as they were a dozen years ago and more, which is equivalent to saying that they have yet to learn the meaning of freedom, and justice, and tolerance.

# SANTA CLAUS.

Peter Lamb of our village is not going to have Santa Claus for his children next Christmas. Last Christmas be undertook to represent the character himself, and after dressing himself in a fur cap and a buffalo robe, and loading himself with toys he went up to the roof of the house and climbed into the chimney, to which he had fixed a rope which hund down the flue. By some means he managed to get into the wrong flue, and instead of coming down into the room where his wife and children were wainting for him, he tumbled clear to the kitchen and rolled out on the floor with a yell. The hired girl was sitting there communing with her lover-a red-haired man named McGinnis. When Mr. Lamb arrived she screamed and fainted, but Mr. McGinnis was not at all scared; and as he supposed that the intruder was a burglar, he attacked Mr. Lamb with the poker, emptied the coal scuttle on him, kicked him through the door and then handed bim over to a pussing policeman, who took him to the station, where he would have been locked up all night if the magistrate hadn't recognized When he got home his wife and him. children were sure he had been suffocated in the flue, and Mrs. Lamb was in awful distress because she didu't know whether she ought to have the side of the house taken out that night, or to go out to hunt up a mourning The energetic McGinnis had gone home to gladden his family with Mr. Lamb's bundle of toys, and the servant girl had given notice that she would leave at day light. So Mr. Lamb has told his little ones that the hetition about Santa Claus is a wicked and degrading superstition, and he is going to hang their presents on a tree—Max. Adeler.

The present demand for the silver trade dollar is 500,000 a month, and is constantly increasing. bonnet to wear to church next day. The energetic McGinnis had gone

### "SOLD, BY THUNDER."

One night, recently, a Whitehall couleman was on the Troy train returning home. At Saratoga a gentle-man from Rutland took a seat behind the Whitehaller. In a few minutes a most noted universities in Germany, conversation was opened between the two. Ascertaining that our friend and pass herself off for a young man, was from Whitehall, the Rutland gen One day an American Consul was tleman asked him if he knew Wilkins, the editor of the Times.

"Know him! I ought to know him, for he is very intimate with my wife." "You don't eav?" replied the Rutland man in astonishment.

"Yes sir. I don't want it repeated, but I have indisputable evidence that he has been on terms of the closest intimacy with her."

"But, my friend, you don't live wish.

he woman. O sir, you little know man will put up witherom the woman ried on for years right under my very nose, and yet by the love I bear the woman I have never yet broken with

my wife."
"But you cannot possibly put up with such conduct on the part of your wife? If she is intimate with Wilkins, should think you would brand the villain before the world. I would not

submit. No sir! I would not, never!" The Rutland man had worked himself up to a pitch of excitement, when

parted.

Just then the conductor entered the car, and the Rutland man stepped up and asked him who the gentleman was

he was just conversing with.
"That man," said Conductor Holcomb; "don't you know him? That is Wilkins, editor of the Whitehall

"Sold, by thunder!" said the Rutland man, putting his fingers in his pocket and taking out something. "Mr. Conductor, will you please give him this card and accompanying \$5, and tell him to send me his paper so long as the money lasts?"

# BROKEN PROMISES.

Reader, never break your promises! And to this end, never make a promise that you are not sure you can fulfill. You may think it a triffing matmen who went among them and were ter to make an appointment with a friend or agree to do a certain thing, and then fail to "come to time;" but it is assuredly not a small affair. If you get in the habit of neglecting to make good your promises, how long, do you think, will your friends and ac quaintances retain confidence in you? The nearest and dearest of them will in time learn to doubt you, and will "bending" a promise, which is also a very bad practice, and should be care-

fully avoitled. For instance, you agree to meet a of being punctual, you put in an appearance several minutes, perhaps an hour, after time; or you promise to do something for a friend, and only partially perform the duty. You may not exactly have braken your promise, clergyman looked directly at our inbut you have certainly bent it, which is almost, if not quite as bad. Keep your promises to the letter; be prompt and exact, and it will save you much trouble and care through life, and win for you the respect and trust of your

That is a very poor handle that throws off the hammer every time you use it. It is so with the so-called "helps" to memory which leave only themselves in mind when you want to

think of something else. An houest German who had recently arrived in this country invented an original system of mnemonics to use for improving his imperfect knowledge of the English language. When he heard a new English word, he would couple it in his mind with a word, already familiar to him having a somewhat similar signification, and thus, by the She had repented her hastily formed association of ideas, fix it in his memfailed to work with entire success. For instance, ohe day his attention was at- have asked me again.'

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### WHEN A WOMAN WILL SHE WILL.

A few years ago an American lady, while studying medicine abroad, hav-ing been refused admittance to a course of medical lectures in one of determined to put on male costume One day an American Consul was summoned to a hotel to see a lady from the United States. As there was no reception room in the hotel he was shown up to the room indicated in the note he had received by the servant. He looked in vain for the lady, but saw what he supposed was a young man sitting on a trunk. He was soon undeceived. The "boy" said he was simply in disguise, and set forth at "But, my friend, you don't live with length the reasons for such extraordice woman."
"Yes, sir; strange as it may seem, solved to attend that course of lectures and had called in the Consul to give her real name and place of residence he loves. This intimacy has been car- in the United States, so that in case of trouble she could appeal to him for protection. The position of the Consul was a novel one, but he finally consented to take the lady's statement and promised to keep the secret invioiate, unless she should be discovered. This did not happen. The disguise answered its purpose; the lady stayed at the institution a year, passed through the course with honor, and is doubtless now applying the knowledge gained in her practice somewhere the United States. We suppress all the train stopped at Whitehall.

"Good night, sir!" said the Whitehall gentleman. "I hope we will meet again. I thank you for the interest tration of the indomitable persevertration. names of persons and places for obviyou have taken in my affairs;" and ance of women ambitious of a profes-the two gentiemen shook hands and sional career in pursuit of knowledge under difficulties .- Cincinnati Com-

A person in Maryland, who was addicted to drunkenness, hearing a considerable uproar in his kitchen no night, had the curiosity to step with-out noise to the door to know what was the matter, when he found his servants indulging in the most ou-bounded roars of laughter at a couple of negro boys who were mimicking himself in his drunken fits-as how he staggered, how he looked, and nodded. and hiccoughed, and tumb ed.

The pictures which these little darkies drew of him, and which had filled the rest with such inexhaustable merriment, struck him with so salutary a disgust that from that night he became a perfectly sober man, to the joy of his wife and children. It's a pity some other men could, not see themselves imitated in a like manuer.

Mrs. Samuel Byder, of Olympia, Nevada, some time since swallowed a little lizard while drinking a glass of water in Missouri. She now suffers constantly from its unwelcome presence in her stomach. Should she cat anything not pleasing to his lizardship he kicks up a terrible row, turning put but little faith in your words. And deathly sick. In order to reduce him there is a way of half meeting one's to subjugation she is compelled to obligations, which might be called drink pain killer, which for the time being makes it very tropical, and willingly he subsides into a super, only to repeat the performance, again when occusion requires. The medical faculty erson at a certain time; but, instead of the Willamette university will attend to the case.

A young fellow, whose better-half had just presented him with a bouncing Sunday. During the discourse the nocent friend, and said, m a tune of thrilling cloquance. Taung man you have an important responsibility thrust upon you. The newly fledged dad, supposing the preacher alluded to his peculiar home event, considerably starled the audience by exclaiming, "Yes, I have two of 'em."

In Wisconsin, the other day, a wedding procession and a funeral procession met and got so badly mixed that balf the people living near the scene declared that they saw a funeral procossion accompanied by a brass band, while the other half are ready to swear that a wedding procession passed, headed by a hearse.

Walking the streets of Cleveland the other day a young lady met a gentleman whose offer of marriage she decision and informed him of the fact ory. Sometimes, however, his system in this shrewd rtyle: "You have up tact in matters of love. You should