

Booth and the Lord's Prayer.

When the elder Booth was residing in Baltimore, a pious, urbane old gentleman of that city, hearing of his wonderful power of elocution, one day invited him to dinner, although deprecating the stage and theatrical performances. A large company sat down at the table, and, on returning to the drawing room, one of them asked Booth as a special favor to them all, to repeat the Lord's Prayer. He signified his willingness to gratify them and all eyes were fixed upon him. He slowly and reverently arose from his chair, trembling with the burden of two great conceptions. He had to realize the character, attributes and presence of the Almighty Being he was to address. He was to transform himself into a poor, sinning, stumbling, benighted, needy supplicant, offering homage, asking bread, pardon light and guidance. Says one of the company who was present.

"It was wonderful to watch the play of emotion that convulsed his countenance. He became deadly pale, and his eyes turned trembling upward, were wet with tears. As yet he had not spoken. The silence could be felt; it had become absolutely painful, until at last the spell was broken, as if by an electric shock, as his rich toned voice syllabled fourth, 'Our Father, who art in heaven,' with a pathos and fervid solemnity which thrilled all hearts. He finished; the silence continued; not a voice was heard: not a muscle moved in this rapt audience until from a remote corner of the room a subdued sob was heard, and the old gentleman (the host) stepped forward with streaming eyes and tottering frame and seized Booth by the hand. 'Sir' said he, in broken accents, 'you have afforded me a pleasure for which my whole future life will feel grateful. I am an old man, and every day from my boyhood to the present time, I have repeated the Lord's Prayer but I never heard it before, never!' 'You are right,' replied Booth. 'To read that prayer as it should be read caused me the severest study and labor for thirty years, and I am far from satisfied with my rendering of that wonderful production. Not one person in ten thousand comprehends how much beauty, tenderness and grandure can be condensed in a space so simple. The prayer itself sufficiently illustrates the truth of the Bible and stamps upon it the seal of divinity.'

Leaving off Drinking.

Sir William Gull, one of the most eminent of English physicians, interrogated on the subject of "leaving off drinking," says.

"With regard to leaving off drinking, I think that we could, as a rule, stop the supply of alcohol at once without injury. As to the existence of cases in which the brain had entirely gone from leaving drinking off suddenly, is not that fallacious? May not their brains have gone from their previous habits? As to the alleged case in which a man left off drink suddenly for a year and was then obliged to go back to it again. I do not see any good in breaking off drinking habits by degrees. If you are taking poison into the blood I do not see the advantage of diminishing the degrees of it from day to day. This point has been frequently put to me by medical men; but my reply has been, if your patient was poisoned by arsenic would you still go on putting in the arsenic? In reference to a person who carries a great deal of drink and does not get drunk, he may be even more damaged than a man who does get drunk, because he may be able to carry his system of daily drinking for a long time, whereas the other man who was incapable of drinking so much would be obliged to discontinue his practice."

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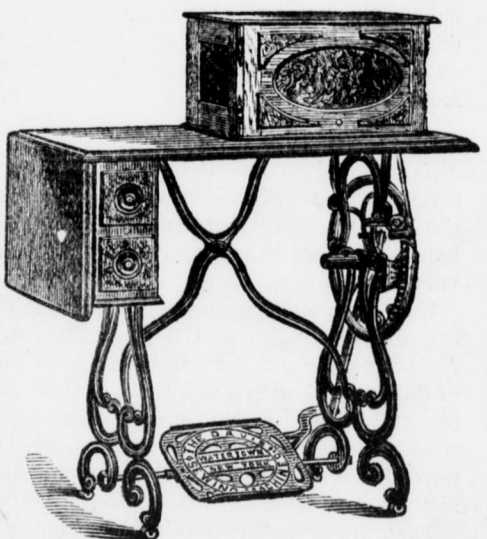
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