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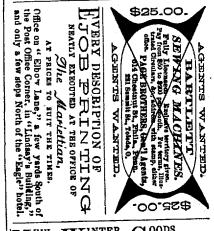
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For the Mariettian. Cold Water Arrows.-No. 5.

Intoxication among Females.

It may be, Mr. Editor, that some as pects of the Temperance question have become somewhat "thread-bare." But surely the subject of " Drunkenness among Women," has assumed an importance, in the light of recent developements, both new and startling.

The subject, we are glad to see, is waking in some quarters an unwonted interest. Still, very recently, a respectable religious journal expressed an unwillingness to believe some statements as to its general prevalence. This led another correspondent to advert to several facts which had recently come under his own observation. He says! "A woman decently dressed recently passed my house in such a state of extreme intoxication that she staggered and reeled like any drunken man. Then I recollected that two or three weeks ago I had seen two women driving been to a sugar wedding-the latest through the streets furiously like any dranken Nimrod. Then I remembered a recent case in Chicago, where a respectable woman was taken up, drunk in the street, and carried home in a carriage, like any masculine bacchanal.

Some of us will call to mind the case we witnessed two or three weeks since, in one of the rooms of our "Upper Station" of a young woman decently dressed lving several hours in a drunken fit, and calling forth, at times, the laughter and coarse remarks of out standers, by her wild and foolish talk.

The Round Table was the first to raise the note of alarm, and its statements having been severely criticised, as exacgerated and indiscriminate, says in its Drunkenness among Women was too sweeping and unqualified, and considering the gravity of its importations, not sufficiently guarded against wholesale ly we digest our wooden pellets. onclusions and misconstructions."

But the same periodical still mainains "that its particular citations have been more than justified by facts.

It states among other things, "By pareful inquiry and investigation, we are now satisfied that it would be possible | Tin weddings give the world assurance to print the names of a greater number of respectable females—women, that is of reputable families -than would fill in the culinary department; therefore the space occupied by this article (three are tin weddings economical. They are columns,) who within the last five years | benefit nights in a small way, such as in the city of New York have fallen vic- are sometimes given as a seductive powtime to drink."

Again, "From a Massachusetts official report, we gather, that in the single year of 1864, ninety three men and fortyfour women killed themselves by too much strong drink."

not facts like these arouse the careless. the indifferent, the skeptical and the society. apologist for the moderate use of ardent spirits? In our next we propose to speak of some of the causes of this alarm ing evil. W. A. F.

Proving Character.

"Do you know the prisoner, Mr

Jones?' "Yes, to the bone."

"What is his character?"

" Didn't know he had any."

"Does-he live near you?" " So near that he only spent five shillings for firewood in eight years."

"Did he ever come into collision with you in any matter?" "Only once, and that was when he

was drunk and mistook me for a lamp. post. "From what you knom of him would

you believe him under oath?" "That depends upon circumstances. If he was so much intoxicated that he did not know what he was doing, I

would. If not, I wouldn't."

young turkey has a smooth leg and a spective. They become "engaged" to soft bill, and if fresh the eyes will be excite the envy of their dear five hunbright and the feet moist. Old turkeys dred friends, display the largest diamond have scaly, stiff feet. Young fowls have ring of the season; the household is a tender skin, smooth legs, and the breastbone yields readily to the pressure | what with the seamstresses, dressmakers of the finger. The best are those that and milliners, working to fill fourteen have yellow legs. The feet and legs of the old fowl look as if they had seen loves of things sufficient to last a lifehard service in the world. Young ducks time; receiving contributions of napfeel tender under the wings, and the web | kin rings, oyster ladies, and sugar scoops : of the foot is transparent. The best are | pie knives and pickle knives and fish thick and hard on the breast. Young knives; and tea sets, and the innumera-

yellow and supple; the skin may be

The Wedding Fever.

A New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Home Weekly, speaking of the different kinds of weddings, says:

"Just now, weddings are the fashion. Very public weddings, for the benefit of all concerned and unconcerned. Private rehearsals gotten up at the bride's home, of the ceremony in which the happy couple elect, the attendant best men and maidens, ushers, &c., practice how to play their several parts gracefully. The organist is dully drilled, the most sentimental of the fair maids instructe him as to the pieces to be performed. The irrepressible and inevitable "Wedding March" of Mendelssohn as the party enter the church, and upon leaving "Ever be Happy," from the Enchantress, finished off with that sweet little air, "How Can I Leave Thee?" "Oh, Summer Night," or some other

tender melody. Next in detail is anniversaries. My old bachelor friend, Crossbones, has style. Gold and silver weddings, he argues, are time honored institutions. Rather sensible, taking into consideration that they represent two actor's on life's stage, who woo before the footlights, and save their jarring, rasping and wrangling for the green room; but then must follow, en suite, tin weddings and wooden weddings, "fools stepping in where angels fear to tread," and costly sugar weddings.

Sugar weddings are the early pills given to adolescence; sugar coated pills sweetly, coaxingly offered, greedily swallowed and experience in the gastric juice that proves the dose.

Wooden weddings simply go to test the wonderful power of human endurissue of Nov. 24th., "We admit, fully ance; that our natures are wooden, the and frankly, that the article called sugar is off the pill, the romance disappearing; yet we have our wooden weddings to lay in a stock of wooden ware and let Mrs. Grundy see how wonderful-

Tin weddings are the meretricious glare and false newness of matrimony. Tin is deceptive—so is human nature. A tin kettle is suggestive of many things -tea, hot punch, oysters and milkmen -in its primitive state of splendor. of the passing away of tender sentiments as well as the wearing away of tin ware der to fifth rate actors.

Gold and silver weddings are eminently respectable, because not patronized by people of limited means. Those who attend the silver and gold weddings are expected to give a donation in propor-Now is not this a shocking state of tion. People who adopt the current things? What is to be done? Oh! will phrase "can't afford," are public nuisances, and are generally black balled by

Twenty five and fifty years of wedded life brings a man in the condition of the miller, who found it impossible to sleep or live away from the din of his beloved hooks of steel."

Give your wife a little license, let her prattle about freedom; she argues freedom of opinion is an individual rightinherent, original, independent of the carrying into operation, without invad- 'em." ing the rights of others, every lawful determination, individual and associate. Mark well those two expressions-"lawful determination" and "rights of others." Lawful, in the mouth of a woman, means the possession of a husband, and "rights" has become a household word, and is now before Uongress in a struggle for supremacy between white women and black men.

As women, in these latter days of ours How to Select Your Poultry.—A silver weddings loom up in the dim perthen plunged into fearful confusion-Saratoga trunks with indispensable geese have yellow bills, and the feet are able family of spoons, sufficient, when means fail, to set up for small silvereasily broken by the head of a pin, the smiths.

breast is plump and the fat white. An It is inexpressibly painful to hear

happiness without money. It is painful to see men's brows corrugated with heavy business thoughts, prematurely gray through financial operations, wearying and slaving for the empty nothingness; the vanity of toil for the perishable goods of life; in the frantic web of

An Oil Story.

Sam Black, who owned a snug little farm, was somewhat startled one day by an offer of more than twice the worth of it in greenbacks.

"Shall you sell the farm, Samuel?" asked his wife.

"Certainly I shall," said Sam, " if the excited individuals don't back or prove to be a couple of escaped lunatics, as 1 half suppose them to be.

And sell he did. After the bargain was made and the money paid, one of the men took Sam

and his wife to the back of the farm,

where there was a small excavation in the ground, filled up by the recent rain. "See what you've lost, and we've gained!" said the excited individual, scooping up some water in old tin cup, and holding it up for their inspection.

Sure enough, the oil was half an inch thick on the top of the water. Sam was indignant.

"If I hadn't been a fool," as he said to his wife, "and watched for indications, I might have died a millionaire."

Sam's wife was bursting with laughter but, restraining herself, she coaxed him into the house and told him the whole story:

"You remember when I had my cough last winter, and the Doctor recommended cod liver oil, Sam, and you brought home a whole gallon, because you got it cheap, and made me promise to take three doses a day? Well, I didn't, and it stood in the closet till I cleaned the house, when I threw it into the hole at the foot of the garden."

Sam saw the joke and pocketed it, in

the shape of the greenbacks. At last accounts Sam was living in clover, while the oil hunters were industriously boring-and may be until this time, for all we know.

A Western Judge, full of fun and frolic, and withal a widower with five children, was lately bantered by a pretty wife. The Judge confessed his remissness, and ended in offering himself to the lady who had so handsomely pointed out his shortcomings. She was willing but there was one, to her, serious obstacle. "Well," said the Judge, "name

it. My profession is to surmount such obstacles." "Ah! Judge, this is beyond your powers. I have vowed that if I ever married a widower, he must have ten children." "Ten children! O, that's nothing," said the Judge. "I'll give you five now, and my note on demand, in yearly installments, for the balance."

A young fellow, whose better half had just presented him with a pair of bouncing twins, attended church one mill. It is custom that habituates a morning. During the discourse the man to every variety of life. Even a clergyman looked right at our innocent woman's apron strings can rivet "like triend and saie, in a tone of thrilling eloquence, "Young man, you have an important responsibility thrust upon you." The newly-fledged dad, supposing the preacher alluded to his peculiar home event, considerably startled the audience world. Freedom of action consists in by exclaiming, "Yes, I have two of

> Goats furnish a small supply of very rich milk, and as their food costs little, they have been found very profitable animals by families needing but little milk. Some of the best yield three quarts per day, but generally from three to four pints.

Swearing in conversation indicates a perpetual distrust of a person's own reputation, and is an acknowledgemarry with an eye to the future, gold and ment that he thinks his bare word not worthy of credit.

An exchange paper says, "A mutton chop in boarding house parlance, means piece of the bone of a sheep from which the mutton has been all chopped

"Tell the truth and shame the devil," know lots of people who can shame are more frequently put together by the the devil easy enuff, but the tother thing | ears. bothers 'em .- Josh Billings.

An exchange advises gentlemen not that even Adam, the first man, knew the to part their hair behind, for "hair part. value of politeness, and allowed Eve to ed in that way reveals a soft place in have the first bite at the apple.

old goose is nufit for the human stomach. bright young lips declare there is no when fools are speaking.

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I Don't Care.

Indeed, Mr. Upstart, "don't care." So says the strutting fop, the idler, lounger, loafer. So says the vain, giddy, flirting novel reader—the impudent miss to her mother, "I don't care, "I'll do as I please, read what I please, dress as I life, grasping only for the golden thread. please." So says the unruly, disobedient urchin. So says the iron hearted rumseller. The cruel oppressor, "Let me alone, I'll do as I please, kill or no kill -I don't care." "I don't care," says the tippler and smoker. "I don't care," says the profane swearer and Sabbathbreaker. "Who's a better right?"

How does this sound, young friends? Little readers, do you ever say to your parents, teachers or any one, "I don't care?" O shame! shame. Care? yes, you should always care; care to do good, to do what is right, honest, pure, lovely and of good report. Care to be affable, courteous, industrious, nest obedient-temperate in all things. You should care to keep good company, read good books, and shun the evil. You should care to fear God and keep his commandments, to acknowledge him in all your ways-to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly, glorifying God in all things. These are the things you should care for daily and hourly.

There is no surer mark of lazy, trifling impudent, insignificant, good-for-nothing chaps, than this same don't careism; to hear them drawl out when they do something wrong, "I don't care." Is it not a forerunner of every evil? of everything base, mean, low lived, corrupt, shameful ?

Whenever we hear a boy, girl, or any

one making use of the expression, " ] don't care," it forcibly reminds us of the proverb of Solomon: "A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back." DRUNK AND CRAZY.-The biography of the poet Percival contains an anecdote of his meeting with the novelist James. Mr. James had all the airs of a

man of society, and Percival was especially shrinking and modest in the presence of a stranger, making his worst impression at first. The parties were introduced, and an attempt was made at conversation, but they did not get on at all. Percival showed a decided repug-Miss of five-and twenty for not taking a nance, Mr. James a genteel contempt. Soon entering the cars, they took differ. ent seats, and Mr. James said, "My friend, who is that Mr. Percival? It was replied that he was a distinguished poet, when Mr. James said, "A little cracked, isn't he? The gentleman with him met Mr. Percival a few days after. who inquired, "Who is that Mr. James? "G. P. R. James, the novelist, was the reply. Said Percival, "A little drunk. wasn't be?

> A man who has lost his nose, says an old Scotch journal, has peculiar advantages. He cannot follow his nose. but then he cannot be poking it into everything. He cannot blow his nose, but then he cannot take snuff, which is, however, another thing. If he goes to sleep you cannot tickle his nose; and when he is awake he cannot run his nose against a post. Let him drink hard he will never have a red nose, and never will be exposed to the nickname of Nosey; and let him be as impertinent as he will, he may defy you to pull his nose. "Sir, said a man to another with a false nose, "Ill pull your nose." "Sir, said he, "Ill put my nose in my

Dip the Atlantic dry with a teaspoon; twist your heel in the toe of your boot; make postmasters perform their promises, and subscribers pay the printer; send up fishing hooks, with balloons and fish for stars; when the rain comes down like the cataract of Niagara, remember where you left your umbrella; choke a mosquito with a brick. bat; in short, prove all things hitherto considered impossible, but never attempt to coax a woman to say she "won't" when she has made up her mind to say she "will."

In Ceylon the marriage ceremony is performed by tying the couple together by the thumbs. In this country they

Lord Chesterfield once remarked

Why should testotallers never Don't touch the lute when drams are hold their meetings at a theatre? Be. resounding. A wise man remains silent cause there ought not to be a drop seen at them.