

A Queer Chap.

A hoghead of ale, contributed by a New York firm to the Herald-Irish relief fund, was bought by a carpenter and builder named H. C. Dexter. In offering to purchase the ale he said, "I will dump it into the North river, where all the ale and rum and everything that can intoxicate in this world should be deposited; but the antediluvian flood would be no comparison, and New York would go out of sight. I would therefore suggest that these damnable compounds should be distributed into all the oceans and rivers throughout the world and their manufacture forever stopped."

Captured at last, a keg of beer, before beginning its vile career. It's blood'll be spilled upon the earth, where all such should be at its birth. Execution this day at 3:30 P. M.

Some boys had been standing around with tin cans for two hours to scoop up the liquid from the gutter, and fearing the police would get after him for collecting a crowd, Dexter went to the nearest station-house and told how things stood. He was told that an ordinance would be violated by emptying the ale into the gutter, and announced that it would not be done, much to the disappointment of the gamist. Dexter is a queer character. To a Herald reporter he said: "On the last Friday in every month at half-past three o'clock sharp, I have men scatter money—dollars half dollars and pennies. It makes the poor boys happy. How can I afford to do it?—By giving what others spend for rum and champagne. Here is the card I hang out: 'A grand antediluvian scrabbling match takes place on the last Friday of every month at half-past three P. M. sharp.—Broad and Wall.' Make a man happy and he will never forget it. Money goes further and deeper than anything else."

The Strike in the Clearfield Region.

It was supposed that the strike in the Clearfield coal region would terminate this week, but the difficulty continues and it is difficult to determine which will succumb first, the operators or the miners. The Tyrone Herald says at last accounts, Sterling and Moshannon had a few men at work, but other wise the Clearfield coal business is at a dead stand-still, and will perhaps remain in that condition until next week, when, it is generally supposed, this dead-lock must break. This is the fifth week of the strike, and as the output of coal was averaging about 40,000 tons a week the region has sustained a stoppage of 200,000 tons, on which the miners alone lose \$130,000, the price for digging the coal at fifty cents. The drivers and other workmen, at ten cents a ton, have lost \$20,000; while at the usual selling price of coal, the miners, operators and railroad company, all taken together, have lost \$850,000 in consequence of the Clearfield strike. The continuance of the strike depends more on the condition of the market with regard to the supply of coal than on the caprice of either operators or miners. If the demand continues and the stock on hand grows short, the dealers must have coal, even at advanced prices; and under such conditions the operators and miners will not be long in coming to terms.

The Messrs. Collins—Philip and Thomas—of Philadelphia, the well-known railroad contractors, who entered with so much courage on the building of the Madeira and Mamore railroad, in Brazil, have lost their case in London, the House of Lords having sustained a decision of the Court of Appeals by which the money which they were to have received for their work is diverted to other persons. The court's ruling stopped the construction, substantially, a year or more ago, and this no doubt ends the undertaking. The Messrs. Collins have no doubt sustained a heavy loss, and they and their friends feel that they have substantially been robbed by the English decisions. The Philadelphia Times says that "it has been impossible to overlook the fact that every powerful influence in London—financial, social and speculative—was combined against these contractors on no other discoverable ground than that they were Americans, who were likely to succeed where Englishmen failed, and whose success would draw off to America a large trade which England had hitherto controlled."

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